



A fallen tree branch blocks Herengracht canal in Amsterdam, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. A major storm with hurricane-force gusts lashed southern Britain, the Netherlands and parts of France on Monday, knocking down trees, flooding low areas and causing travel chaos. Dutch citizens were warned against riding their bicycles because of the high winds. Amsterdam police said a woman was killed when a tree fell on her in the city and advised people to stay indoors.

(AP Photo/Margriet Faber)

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Associated Press
LONDON (AP) — A savage coastal storm powered by hurricane-force gusts slashed its way through Britain and western Europe on Monday, felling trees, flooding lowlands and snarling traffic in the air, at sea and on land. At least 13 people were reported killed. It was one of the worst storms to hit the region in years. The deadly tempest had no formal name — and wasn't officially classified as a hurricane due to

a meteorological standard — but it was dubbed the St. Jude storm (after the patron saint of lost causes) and "stormageddon" on social networks. Gusts of 99 miles per hour (160 kph) were reported on the Isle of Wight in southern England, while gusts up to 80 mph hit the British mainland. Later in the day, the Danish capital of Copenhagen saw record gusts up of to 120 mph (194 kph) and an autobahn in central Germany was shut down by gusts up to 62 mph (100

kph). All across the region, people were warned to stay indoors. Hundreds of trees were uprooted or split, blocking roads and crushing cars. The Dutch were told to leave their beloved bicycles at home for safety's sake. At least thirteen storm-related deaths were reported, most victims crushed by falling trees. Germany had six deaths, Britain had five and the Netherlands and Denmark had one each. One woman was also missing after being swept into the surf

in France. Two people were killed in London by a gas explosion and a British teen who played in the storm-driven surf was swept out to sea. A man in Denmark was killed when a brick flew off and hit him in the head. Despite the strength of its gusts, the storm was not considered a hurricane because it didn't form over warm expanses of open ocean like the hurricanes that batter the Caribbean and the United States. Britain's national weather service, the Met Office,

said Britain does not get hurricanes because those are "warm latitude" storms that draw their energy from seas far warmer than the North Atlantic. Monday's storm also did not have an "eye" at its center like most hurricanes. London's Heathrow Airport, Europe's busiest, cancelled at least 130 flights and giant waves prompted the major English port of Dover to close, cutting off ferry services to France.

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Hurricane-Force Gusts Batter Europe; 13 Dead

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Nearly 1,100 passengers had to ride out the storm on a heaving ferry from

was restored. The storm left Britain in the early afternoon and roared across the English Channel, leaving up to 270,000 U.K.

cancelled, stranding more than 1,000 passengers. Thousands of homes in northwestern France also lost electricity, while in the

sterdam's central railway station was closed due to storm damage. In France, maritime officials were searching for

she walked on Belle Isle, a small island off the coast of Brittany.

"We are focused on the search," Yann Bouvard, of the Atlantic Maritime Prefecture told BFM-TV. He said a helicopter, a boat and an inflatable Zodiac were looking for the woman.

Amsterdam was one of the hardest-hit cities as the storm surged up the Dutch coast. Powerful wind gusts toppled trees into canals in the capital's historic center and sent branches tumbling onto rail and tram lines, halting almost all public transport. Commuters faced long struggles to get home.

Ferries in the Baltic Sea, including between Denmark and Sweden, were canceled after the Swedish Meteorological Institute upgraded its storm warning to the highest possible level, class 3, which indicates "very extreme weather that could pose great danger."

Trains were canceled in southern Sweden, and many bridges were closed between the islands in Denmark.

London Mayor Boris Johnson praised emergency workers for doing an "amazing job" trying to keep London moving. □



The remains of the tower of one of the two twin windmills of Greetsiel, northern Germany, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. An autumn storm tore the roof out of its anchorage.

(AP Photo/dpa, Ingo Wagner)

Newcastle in Britain to the Dutch port of Ijmuiden after strong winds and heavy seas blocked it from docking in the morning. The ship returned to the North Sea to wait for the wind to die down rather than risk being smashed against the harbor's walls. Teun-Wim Leene of DFDS Seaways told national broadcaster NOS.

In central London, a huge building crane near the prime minister's office crumpled in the gusts. The city's overburdened transit system faced major delays and cancellations and did not recover even once the weather swept to the east. A nuclear power station in Kent, southern England, automatically shut its two reactors after storm debris reduced its incoming power supply. Officials at the Dungeness B plant said the reactors had shut down safely and would be brought back once power

homes without power. Trains were canceled in southern Sweden and Denmark. Winds blew off roofs, with debris reportedly breaking the legs of one man. Near the Danish capital of Copenhagen, the storm ripped down the scaffolding from a five-story apartment building. Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport saw delays as strong gusts prevented passengers from using boarding bridges to disembark from planes to the terminals. In Germany, the death toll hit six, with four people killed in three separate accidents Monday involving trees falling on cars, the dpa news agency reported. A sailor near Cologne was killed Sunday when his boat capsized and a fisherman drowned northeast of the city.

In addition to widespread rail disruptions, both Duesseldorf and Hamburg airports saw many flights

Netherlands several rail lines shut down and airports faced delays. Am-

a woman who was swept into the turbulent Atlantic by a big wave Monday as

Suspicious package at Montreal airport; 1 held

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MONTREAL (AP) — A 71-year-old man who was booked on a flight to Los Angeles faces three charges after parts of a potential explosive device were found in his carry-on luggage at Montreal's Trudeau International Airport. Antony Piazza, a Canadian of Iranian origin, was charged Monday with mischief, endangering the safety of an aircraft or airport and being in illegal possession of an explosive substance. The incident partly shut down Montreal's main airport for several hours on Sunday and caused a neighborhood to be shut down for a police search. Police found wires,

bullets, and a powder inside the bag, his attorney, Louis Morena, said. Piazza,

Nazemi, said Morena. He previously served a 10-year-sentence under



A Montreal police car blocks off a street in a residential area near Trudeau International Airport after the discovery of a potential explosive device found in the carry-on luggage of a 71-year-old man who was headed to Los Angeles. The man has been detained.

(AP Photo/Benjamin Shingler)

who is originally from Tehran, changed his name in the 1980s from Houshang

that name in Canadian prison for smuggling drugs into the country. □

Obama reassures FBI at ceremony for new director

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Monday assured FBI employees that he would fight to keep politics from interfering with their mission as the agency struggles to contend with budget shortfalls. Speaking at the agency's headquarters at a ceremony recognizing James B. Comey as the new FBI director, Obama said it was unfortunate that the broad spending cuts known as sequestration have affected the agency's resources. "I'll keep fighting for those resources because our country asks and expects a lot from you," Obama said, "and we should make sure you've got the resources you need to do the job." A hiring freeze at the FBI is projected to leave a few thousand positions vacant by late next year. The agency has also made significant cuts to training and other expenses, including deciding to shutter its offices for about 10 days in the coming year. Obama praised Comey as a director with broad ap-

peal and experience, having served as a former deputy attorney general under President George W. Bush. John Ashcroft and Michael B. Mukasey, former attorneys general in the Bush administration, attended the ceremony Monday. "It's just about impossible to find a matter of justice he has not tackled, and it's hard to imagine somebody who is more uniquely qualified to lead a bureau that covers all of it - traditional threats like violent and organized crime to the constantly changing threats like terrorism and cybersecurity," Obama said. Comey said that as director he will instruct new agents to visit the memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, in addition to continuing to visit the Holocaust Museum, as a way of keeping in mind their unique responsibility. "I think it will serve as a different kind of lesson, one more personal to the bureau, of the dangers in becoming untethered to oversight and accountability," he said. □



President Barack Obama and FBI Director James Comey sing "God Bless America" during the installation ceremony for Comey as FBI director, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, at FBI Headquarters in Washington. Comey, a former Bush administration official who defiantly refused to go along with White House demands on warrantless wiretapping nearly a decade ago, took over last month for Robert Mueller, who stepped down after 12 years as agency director.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Texas:

Part of abortion law blocked

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A federal judge in Texas on Monday blocked an important part of the state's restrictive new abortion law, which would have required doctors performing the procedure to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The decision, one day before the provision was to take effect, prevented a major disruption of the abortion clinics in Texas. It was a victory for abortion rights groups and clinics that said the measure served no medical purpose and could force as many as one-third of the state's 36 abortion clinics to close. But the court did not strike down a second measure, requiring doctors to use a particular drug protocol in nonsurgical, medication-

induced abortions that doctors called outdated and too restrictive. In a decision widely expected to be appealed to higher courts, Judge Lee Yeakel of U.S. District Court in Austin declared that "the act's admitting-privileges provision is without a rational basis and places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion of a nonviable fetus." In bringing the suit against two parts of a sweeping anti-abortion law adopted in July, abortion rights groups said these provisions would have "dramatic and draconian" effects on women's access to the procedure. But lawyers for the state argued that the predictions were exaggerated and that the measures served the state's interest in "protecting fetal life." □

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Ellis Island museum reopens after floods

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The island that ushered millions of immigrants into the United States received visitors Monday for the first time since Superstorm Sandy devastated the East Coast. The halls and buildings of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum reopened to the public nearly a year after the storm. Sandy swamped boilers and electrical systems and left the 27.5-acre island without power for

months.

"It was just so heartwarming to see visitors step onto this island," said David Luchsinger, the superintendent for Ellis and the neighboring Statue of Liberty. He was at the ferry slip to welcome the first arrivals.

"This is an icon," he said, speaking of the island and its role in the nation's diversity. "It's what this country is all about."

Visitors stepping off the first returning boat included Cathy Scheer, of Riverside,



The Ellis Island Immigration Museum is seen on Ellis Island in New York, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. The island that ushered millions of immigrants into the United States received visitors Monday for the first time since Superstorm Sandy. Sandy swamped boilers and electrical systems and left the 27.5-acre island without power for months.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

California, who started a business trip early so she could visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. She works for a company that teaches school bus drivers. Scheer's forebears came through Ellis from Scotland and Germany, so she was excited at "the chance to walk in my ancestors' shoes." She and a colleague had heard about the storm damage, so "we're so happy it's open today." More than 1 million photo-

graphs and other Ellis Island artifacts remain in storage while buildings are fixed and upgraded.

"Yes, we are shy a little bit on exhibits and artifacts, but we're not shy on character, at all," Luchsinger said while standing in the former baggage room where millions of immigrants left their belongings. Liberty Island reopened on July 4th, but was closed again during the partial federal government shutdown. □

NYC: Suspect arraigned in stabbing

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NEW YORK (AP) — A 25-year-old Chinese immigrant accused of butchering his cousin's wife and children with a knife and found dripping in blood amid the carnage, authorities said, was charged Monday with murder. Chen appeared briefly in Brooklyn Criminal Court in oversized blue sweats, his hair disheveled. He was also charged with assaulting a police officer while

being questioned at a precinct after the grisly killings Saturday evening.

"I know I am done," Mingdong Chen said to relatives who discovered him, according to a criminal complaint. Chen did not speak and did not enter a plea. His attorney, Danielle Eaddy, said her client had been injured while in police custody and appeared to have two bruises on his forehead. She did not immediately request a psychiatric hearing. □

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Jackson doctor released, wants return to medicine



Michael Jackson's former doctor Conrad Murray sits in a courtroom during his involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles. Murray, who was convicted of killing Michael Jackson, was released from jail Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, after serving nearly two years of a four-year sentence. A change in California law allowed his incarceration time to be significantly cut down.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's doctor was quietly freed from jail on Monday, two years after he was convicted of killing the pop superstar with an overdose of a powerful anesthetic — and he would like to practice medicine again.

Conrad Murray was released at 12:01 a.m. from a jail in downtown Los Angeles after serving about half

of his maximum sentence for involuntary manslaughter. A change in California law allowed his incarceration time to be significantly reduced.

Murray was taken from the jail a back way, eluding a cluster of TV crews and a few Jackson fans.

Sheriff's officials arranged the quiet exit and drove him away for safety reasons, spokesman Steve

Whitmore said.

"He was elated to be out of there" and planned to spend time with his girlfriend and children, said Valerie Wass, Murray's attorney.

Murray's prospects are uncertain: At age 60 his license to practice medicine has been suspended or revoked in three states, and his face and name are well known due to his association with Jackson and his highly publicized trial.

Wass said Murray wants to be a doctor again.

"I believe that he will practice medicine again someday, somewhere," Wass said.

Brian Panish, an attorney for the Jackson family, said Murray should not have "a chance to hurt anyone else" by practicing medicine.

"He has shown no remorse and the consequences of his actions will last forever," the lawyer said.

The former cardiologist was convicted in 2011 of causing Jackson's death in June 2009 by providing him with the powerful anesthet-

ic propofol as a sleep aid.

Jackson was in the midst of preparations for a series of comeback concerts and Murray was serving as his physician.

The former doctor is appealing his conviction, although an appeals court has questioned whether it needs to hear the case. His attorney has argued that the court should not dismiss the appeal because it could alter Murray's overall sentence and reduce some of the stigma his conviction has caused.

Despite being jailed, Murray hasn't been entirely silent.

The ex-doctor told the Today show that he cried tears of joy after a civil jury recently determined that the promoters of Jackson's comeback shows did not negligently hire Murray.

He did not, however, testify in the civil case or take the stand during his criminal trial.

Wass said Murray did a lot of writing behind bars, but she didn't know if he had plans for a book or any other projects that would

allow him to earn a living.

Murray previously maintained clinics in Houston and Las Vegas and frequently complained about conditions in jail after his conviction.

He was allowed to serve his entire sentence in a Los Angeles jail rather than a state prison due to a law aimed at easing overcrowding by shifting nonviolent offenders to local lockups.

"Dr. Murray has not received any special treatment in jail and in fact has many less privileges than most inmates because of his notoriety," Wass said in a statement earlier this year.

In a lawsuit filed by Jackson's mother against concert giant AEG Live LLC, jurors determined that Murray was not unfit or incompetent to serve as Jackson's tour doctor.

The panel did, however, say it did not condone his conduct.

"That doesn't mean we felt he was ethical," jury foreman Gregg Barden said of Murray after the AEG Live verdict. □

Threats target deputy who shot, killed California teen

SANTA ROSA, California (AP) — Sheriff's officials say the California deputy who fatally shot a 13-year-old boy has been the target of threats.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office confirmed the deputy's identity to the Press Democrat of Santa Rosa on Sunday as 48-year-old Erick Gelhaus.

Gelhaus, a 24-year sheriff's office veteran, shot and killed Andy Lopez last week in Santa Rosa. Investigators

say Gelhaus mistook the pellet gun Lopez was carrying for an assault rifle.

Assistant Sheriff Lorenzo Duenas says his office is still dealing with threats against Gelhaus and would take steps to protect him if necessary.

But it decided to confirm his identity because his name was circulating publicly.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 people turned out for a service to remember Andy on Sunday. □

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Michigan gov: lawsuits led to bankruptcy filing

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Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder testified Monday that lawsuits filed against him, the Detroit emergency manager and others by city debt holders proved to be the final straw that led him to authorize the city to file for bankruptcy. Snyder said the filing wasn't an attempt to forestall court-imposed injunctions that could result from the lawsuits. But he said he was concerned that the lawsuits from state retirees and others showed that there "wasn't a meeting of the minds" and that the city needed to protect itself as it struggled to pay bills. "Bankruptcy is a very last resort," he said. "It was a tremendously difficult decision to make, but the right one," he added.

Snyder's testimony came during the fourth day of a federal trial before Judge Steven Rhodes to determine whether the city can fix its finances in bankruptcy court. His testimony centered on what led to the bankruptcy filing, as well as a decision in March to name bankruptcy expert Kevyn Orr as Detroit's emergency manager.

In the days leading up to the bankruptcy filing, retirees sued, claiming their pensions are protected by the constitution and at risk

in a bankruptcy. The lawsuits were put on hold with the bankruptcy petition. Detroit must show it is broke and tried in good faith to negotiate with creditors. Attorneys who oppose the filing seeking the largest

the afternoon. They carried signs, one depicting him with devil's horns. Earlier Monday, Orr testified that he had thought as late as June that a bankruptcy filing could be avoided but that he knew time was run-

to make some very difficult decisions," Orr said of a June meeting with hundreds of the city's creditors. "We were in a financial emergency and were going to have to move very quickly."



Protesters rally outside The Theodore Levin United States Courthouse in Detroit. Michigan's governor is scheduled to testify in an extraordinary trial to determine Detroit's bankruptcy case, the largest public filing in U.S. history, will go forward.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

municipal bankruptcy protection in U.S. history have tried to build a case that bankruptcy was a predetermined course or inevitable outcome.

Dozens of protesters critical of Snyder showed up outside the courthouse just before he took the stand in

ning out for the city and its creditors to agree to concessions. Orr said he received a couple of counterproposals from creditors, but none from unions or retirees before filing for bankruptcy protection in July.

"Anyone paying attention knew the time had come

He said that after he took the job he saw firsthand the high crime, blight and deplorable conditions of police equipment and facilities in Detroit.

"I knew things were bad," Orr testified. "It was somewhat shocking ... just how dire it was." □

UK man accused of hacking US govt computers

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— A British man has been arrested and charged with hacking into computer systems of the U.S. Army, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies at a cost of millions of dollars to the federal government.

Lauri Love, 28, of Stradishall, England, and his partners stole information about government employees, including military service members, since at least October 2012 by hacking into government networks and leaving behind "back doors" through which they could return to get data, a grand jury in Newark said in

an indictment.

British authorities said Monday that Love was also charged under a U.K. law that allows people to be arrested for starting attacks from the U.K. on computers anywhere in the world. He has been released on bail until February.

A woman who answered the phone at the only listing for Love in the English village of Stradishall said the family would not be speaking to reporters. "We have nothing to say to Associated Press or any other kinds of press so please go away," the woman said before hanging up.

The U.S. government said

the purpose of the attacks was "to disrupt the operations and infrastructure" of the federal government. The New Jersey indictment does not accuse Love of selling information or doing anything else with it for financial gain.

Love was arrested Friday at his home about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of London.

He's accused of working with two co-conspirators in Australia and one in Sweden, none of whom have been charged. Their names were not disclosed in the court filing that was made public Monday.

The indictment includes

pieces of instant message conversations that Love allegedly had with his partners.

In one, he seems to brag about infiltrating NASA networks: "ahaha, we owning lots of nasa sites," he said, according to the government. In another exchange, he marvels at the information the group has accessed, writing "this ... stuff is really sensitive," according to prosecutors.

Love was charged in New Jersey because he allegedly used a server in the township of Parsippany. He also faces federal charges in Virginia for other alleged intrusions. □

Auto reliability survey led by Lexus, Toyota

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DETROIT (AP) — Japan's lock on Consumer Reports' vehicle reliability rankings is starting to ease.

Three Japanese brands — Lexus, Toyota and Acura — took the top spots in this year's survey, and seven of the top 10 brands are Japanese.

But three non-Japanese brands — Audi, Volvo and GMC — cracked the top 10. And the magazine announced Monday it's not recommending that consumers buy 2014 models of the Honda Accord V6 and Nissan Altima sedans, two of Japan's top sellers, because of poor reliability scores. Two other Japanese mainstays, the Toyota Camry and Toyota RAV4, won't be recommended because they flunked a frontal crash test from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Yonkers, New York-based Consumer Reports predicts the reliability of 2014 model year cars and trucks based on a survey of subscribers who own vehicles from current or prior model years. This year, the survey questioned the owners of 1.1 million vehicles. Problems with infotainment systems, from frozen touch screens to poorly performing voice-operated navigation systems, were frequent complaints.

Jake Fisher, Consumer Reports' automotive testing director, said electronic problems may even be underreported, since some drivers find the systems so confusing they don't use them. German cars tended to have the best infotainment systems.

The 2014 Subaru Forester got the top score for predicted reliability, but the magazine noted that the 2014 Forester had only been on sale for a few weeks in the spring when owners were surveyed, so there wasn't much time for errors to crop up. The Subaru Legacy was the top-performing midsize car. □

U.S. factory output stalls in September

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. factories barely boosted their output in September, adding to other signs that the economy was slowing even before the government shutdown began on Oct. 1.

Manufacturing production rose only 0.1 percent, the Federal Reserve said Monday. That's down from a 0.5 percent gain in August, which was slightly lower than previously reported.

Automakers boosted their output in September, but the gain was offset by declines at makers of computers, furniture and appliances.

Overall industrial production increased 0.6 percent in September, mostly because of a 4.4 percent jump in utility output. Utilities had fallen for five months. But September was unseasonably warm, likely increasing air conditioning use.

Mining output, which includes oil production, rose 0.2 percent, its sixth straight increase.

Factory output is the largest component of industrial production. It had shown signs of rebounding over the summer, raising hopes that factories would help drive economic growth in the second half of the year. But several reports suggest businesses and consumers had both grown more cautious right before the 16-day partial government shutdown. And overall hiring has slowed. Those factors could keep the economy weak until next year. Orders for industrial machinery and other core capital goods, which signal business confidence in the economy, fell sharply in September, the government said last week. Economists pay close attention to those orders because they typically signal expansion.

Still, one measure of manufacturing said overall factory activity expanded in September at the fastest pace in 2 1/2 years. □

US Financial Front:

Signed contracts to buy homes plunge in September

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans who signed contracts to buy existing homes fell in September to the lowest level in nine months. The decline reflects higher mortgage

to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Many economists say the housing recovery should continue, albeit with slower gains in home sales. They note that home prices and mortgage rates remain low by historical standards.

in housing markets has slowed," Cooper Howes, an economist at Barclays Capital, said in a note to clients. Home prices have also jumped 12.4 percent in August compared with a year earlier, according to real estate data pro-

sales of existing homes fell 1.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.29 million in September. That's down from a pace of 5.39 million in August, which was revised lower. The sales pace in August equaled July's pace. Both were the highest in four years and are consistent with a healthy market. The September decline in pending home sales was reported a day before the Fed begins a two-day policy meeting. Fed policymakers are unlikely to reduce their efforts to stimulate the economy, which includes \$85-billion-a-month in bond purchases. Those purchases are intended to lower longer-term interest rates and spur more borrowing and spending. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke had suggested in late May that the Fed might slow the bond-buying program by the end of the year. But in September, the Fed held off after expressing concerns that rising mortgage rates were slowing economic growth. □



A sale pending announcement sits atop a for sale sign in a home's yard in Richardson, Texas. The number of Americans who signed contracts to buy homes dropped sharply in September 2013 to the lowest level in nine months, reflecting higher mortgage rates and home prices that have made purchases more costly.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

rates and home prices that have made purchases more costly. The National Association of Realtors said Monday that its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index dropped 5.6 percent last month from August to a reading of 101.6. That also pushed the index below its year-ago level, the first time that's happened in nearly 2 1/2 years. There is generally a one- to two-month lag between a signed contract and a completed sale. The drop suggests final sales will decline in the coming months. Contracts to buy homes have slowed in recent months as mortgage rates reached a two-year high over the summer. Rates rose in response to speculation that the Federal Reserve would reduce its stimulus later this year. But the Fed held off taking any action during its meeting in mid-September and rates have fallen since then. The decline could help boost contract signings in October. The average rate for a 30-year mortgage was 4.13 percent last week, according

Monday's report "is in line with other housing indicators ... that suggest the pace of improvement

vider CoreLogic. That's near the fastest pace in seven years. Last week, the Realtors' group said final

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Beijing crash at Forbidden City kills five

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BEIJING (AP) — A sport utility vehicle plowed through a crowd in front of Beijing's Forbidden City before crashing and catching fire Monday, killing the three occupants and two tourists and injuring 38 visitors and security officers, police said. The dead included a female traveler from the Philippines, according to a statement on the Beijing police's microblog and a Philippine official. Police said three other Filipinos and a Japanese man were among the injured, but gave no details about their condition.

No information was released about a possible cause of the incident, which closed one of the most politically sensitive and heavily guarded public spaces in the country. Authorities quickly erected screens to hide the aftermath and cleaned up the scene, while images of the crash were taken down from the Internet.

The police notice said they were investigating and taking "effective measures to ensure the capital's safety and stability."

The injured were among the crowds in front of Tiananmen Gate, where a large portrait of Mao Zedong hangs near the southern entrance to the former imperial palace.

The vehicle burst into flames after crashing into a guardrail for one of the ancient stone bridges leading to the gate, police said.

The statement said the driver veered inside of a barrier separating a crowded sidewalk from busy Chang'an Avenue and then drove along the walkway to Tiananmen Gate, which stands across the avenue from the sprawling Tiananmen Square.

Chang'an Avenue was closed as police and rescue services converged on the area, but the police statement said traffic was restored just over an hour later. □

Europe mulls sanctions against US over spying

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BERLIN (AP) — The United States could lose access to an important law enforcement tool used to track terrorist money flows, German officials said Monday, as Europe weighs a response to allegations that the Americans spied on their closest European allies. Spain became the latest U.S. ally to demand answers after a Spanish newspaper reported that the National Security Agency monitored more than 60 million phone calls in that country during one month alone. The report Monday in the daily El Mundo came on the heels of allegations of massive NSA spying in France and Germany, including Chancellor Angela Merkel's own cellphone.

With European leaders dissatisfied with the U.S. response so far, officials have been casting about for a way to pressure Washington to provide details of past surveillance and assurances that the practice will be curbed. The challenge is to send a strong message to Washington against wholesale spying on European citizens and institutions without further damage to the overall trans-Atlantic relationship. As possible leverage, German authorities cited last week's non-binding resolution by the European Par-

liament to suspend a post-9/11 agreement allowing the Americans access to bank transfer data to track the flow of terrorist money. German Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger said Monday she believed the Americans were using the information to gather economic intelligence apart from terrorism and that the deal, popu-

larly known as the SWIFT



A man speaks on a cell phone in the business district of Madrid. A Spanish newspaper published a document Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, that it said shows the U.S. National Security Agency spied on more than 60 million phone calls in Spain in one month alone — the latest revelation about alleged massive U.S. spying on allies.

(AP Photo/Paul White)

larly known as the SWIFT agreement, should be suspended. That would represent a sharp rebuke to the United States from some of its closest partners.

"It really isn't enough to be outraged," she told rbb-

agreement allows access to funds transferred through the private, Belgium-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, which handles the movement of money between banks worldwide.

eavesdropping disclosures and said the White House was "working to allay those concerns," though he refused to discuss any specific reports or provide details of internal White House discussions. □

5 dead after Mexican vigilante groups clash

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Associated Press

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — Clashes in which self-described "self-defense" forces sought to oust the Knights Templar drug cartel from the western Mexico state of Michoacan left at least five men dead and hundreds of thousands of people without electricity. The weekend confrontations followed a daring march by a self-defense force into the city of Apatzingan, the central stronghold of the pseudo-religious Knights Templar cartel that for years has dominated

Michoacan, a state that sends a steady stream of avocados and migrants to the United States.

Since rising up in February against systematic extortion by the Knights Templar, residents of a half-dozen towns that formed self-defense patrols have lived without access to Apatzingan, a commercial and road hub that is home to the region's main hospital and markets.

Self-defense leaders said they finally grew tired of the cartel blocking services and commerce in an attempt to strangle their uprising and showed up Friday

at Apatzingan's outskirts, armed and ready to "liberate" the city. They were turned back by soldiers who said they couldn't enter with weapons.

A convoy of hundreds of unarmed self-defense patrol members returned on Saturday and successfully entered the city, where they were met by gunfire, presumably from the Knights Templar.

"They attacked us with grenades, and with M-60 machine guns, judging by the bullet holes in some of our vehicles," self-defense leader Jose Manuel Mireles said Monday. He said

one of their members was wounded.

Mireles said the Knights Templar were apparently outraged by the invasion of their stronghold, and early Sunday attacked defensive trenches the self-defense patrols had constructed near Apatzingan's outskirts.

Local police said five men were found dead following that attack, but Mireles said self-defense patrol members saw 12 dead cartel gunmen, and lost one of their own. Drug cartels often quickly retrieve and bury the bodies of fallen members after clashes. □



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Chemical weapons inspectors in Syria miss deadline

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — International inspectors overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile have missed an early deadline in a brutally tight schedule after security concerns prevented them from visiting two sites linked to Damascus' chemical program.

Experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons were to have checked all 23 of Syria's declared chemical sites by Sunday, but the organization said Monday that inspectors have visited only 21 because of security issues. While there are no consequences for missing the deadline, the group's failure to meet it underscores the ambitious timeline as well as the risks its inspectors face in carrying out their mission in the middle of Syria's civil war. The OPCW did not say who was responsible for the security problems, but the organizations' director-general has said in the past that temporary cease-fires may have to be negoti-

ated between rebels and forces loyal to President Bashar Assad to reach some sites. The chemical weapons watchdog said it has not given up hope of gaining access to the two locations.

"Negotiations continue to try to get security guarantees so our inspectors can go in," OPCW spokesman Michael Luhan said.

The joint OPCW-U.N. mission faces a string of target dates for specific tasks as it aims to achieve the overall goal of ridding Syria of its chemical stockpile by mid-2014. Luhan said the next deadline is Nov. 1, by which time Syria has to complete "functional destruction of the critical equipment for all its chemical weapons production facilities and mixing-filling plants."

That step will ensure that Syria can no longer make new chemical weapons. After that, the international community and Syria have to agree to a plan to destroy the country's chemical stockpile.

Syria is believed to possess around 1,000 metric tons of chemical weapons, including mustard gas and

the nerve agent sarin. It has sent the OPCW a plan for full destruction of the stockpile that has to be

ratified by member states "provide the basis on which plans are devised for a systematic, total and

Monday that Washington was reviewing the declaration, which ran to more than 700 pages. "We are,



U.N.-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, center right, and Deputy Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad arrive to a hotel surrounded by security Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 in Damascus, Syria. Chemical weapons inspectors missed an early deadline after security concerns prevented them from visiting two sites linked to Damascus' chemical program. (AP Photo/Dusan Vranic)

discussed by the group's executive council next month.

The OPCW, based in The Hague, said such decla-

verified destruction of declared chemical weapons and production facilities."

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said

in accordance with OPCW regulations, not going to publicly discuss or analyze our assessment of the report," she said. □

Officials: U.S. Embassy in Yemen was not attacked

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Associated Press

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni and U.S. officials say the U.S. Embassy in Yemen has not been attacked, after a loud blast was reported near the facility.

Mohammed al-Mawri, an official at the Yemeni Interior Minister's office, said the late Monday explosion was fireworks from a wedding procession. A Yemeni Embassy spokesman in Washington, Mohammed al-Basha, said police detained individuals who lit

them. The State Department issued a statement saying it had no indication that reports of an explosion and sounds of gunfire near the U.S. Embassy in Yemen were accurate.

Two security officials in Yemen told The Associated Press by phone that a large explosion followed by what sounded like heavy gunfire was heard near the embassy. One said security had sealed off the area, a heavily secured part of the capital home to several other embassies. □



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London:

Phone-hacking trial opens for Murdoch aides

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The trial of two former top editors of Rupert Murdoch's defunct News of the World began Monday with the selection of a jury to hear the complex and high-profile

spiring to hack the phones of celebrities and other people in the public eye and with making illegal payments to officials for information. They sat side-by-side in the dock at London's Central Criminal Court along with six other

of illegal eavesdropping by the News of the World led Murdoch to shut the 168-year-old newspaper and spurred a judge-led, media-ethics inquiry and several wide-ranging criminal investigations. Dozens of journalists and officials

A jury of 12 will be chosen and sworn in Tuesday. The eight defendants — all but one former Murdoch employee — chatted in the glass-enclosed dock in a windowless courtroom dotted with more than a dozen bewigged lawyers. All the defendants deny the charges. The three highest-profile defendants are Brooks, 45, a former editor of the News of the World and former chief executive of Murdoch's British newspapers; Coulson, 45, another former News of the World editor who was Cameron's communications chief until 2011; and Brooks' 50-year-old husband Charles Brooks, a racehorse trainer. Coulson and Rebekah Brooks, both snapped by a crowd of photographers and TV cameras as they arrived in court, have become the faces of the scandal, though neither has been convicted of wrongdoing.

He was the elusive figure — rarely photographed — behind Cameron's canny media strategy. She was the flame-haired executive who exchanged text messages with her friend and neighbor Cameron while overseeing Murdoch's politically powerful British newspapers.

They face trial alongside former News of the World managing editor Stuart Kuttner; ex-news editor Ian Edmondson; former royal editor Clive Goodman; Rebekah Brooks' former assistant Cheryl Carter; and Mark Hanna, former security chief at Murdoch's News International. □



Former newspaper editor Rebekah Brooks and husband Charlie Brooks, obscured behind right, arrive at The Old Bailey law court in London, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. Former News of the World national newspaper editors Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson are due to go on trial Monday, along with several others, on charges of hacking phones and bribing officials while at the now closed tabloid paper.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

case sparked by a tabloid phone-hacking scandal that has shaken Murdoch's media empire and tarnished the image of British journalism.

Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson — both one-time senior Murdoch aides and associates of British Prime Minister David Cameron — are charged with con-

defendants on the first day of a trial that Judge John Saunders said could last up to six months.

This is the first criminal trial stemming from revelations in 2011 of tabloid phone-hacking — a scandal that exposed a murky web of ties binding Britain's media, political and police establishments. Exposure

have been arrested.

The judge told about 80 prospective jurors that the case centered on allegations of criminal activity at the News of the World and its sister paper, The Sun. He warned them not to discuss the case or seek information about it so they could hear the arguments "free from any preconceptions."

PM threatens to act against press on leaks

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday threatened unspecified action over the Guardian newspaper's disclosures of American intelligence material, saying officials would find it tough to stand back if the media don't show enough restraint over what they publish.

Britain has no First Amendment-like protection guaranteeing freedom of the press from official interference, and its Official Secrets Act punishes the unauthorized disclosure of classified material, but successive governments have generally relied on informal lobbying to keep sensitive national security stories out of the news.

Despite a stream of Guardian stories detailing British and American intelligence gathering, Cameron's government has so far opted not to go to court to gag the paper.

But in a question-and-answer session with lawmakers, Cameron indicated that his government's patience was running out.

"The approach we have taken is to try to talk to the press and explain how damaging some of these things can be," he said, outlining his strategy.

"I don't want to have to use injunctions or D-Notices," he said, referring to the warnings sometimes issued to the country's press over sensitive national security stories. □

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Congolese army regains town of Rumangabo

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Associated Press

RUMANGABO, Congo (AP)

— The Congolese army, who just one year ago abandoned their posts and fled in the face of an advancing rebel army, succeeded on Monday in taking back the fifth, rebel-held town, in what appears to be a turning point in the conflict.

The civilian population, which reportedly suffered grave abuses under the rebels, poured into the streets to welcome the soldiers, running alongside their tanks. Women threw flowers. Men picked palm leaves off of the nearby trees and waved them. The U.N. envoy to Congo told the Security Council it was the military end of the M23 rebel group.

"I confirm that we have just taken the city of Rumangabo," said Congolese military spokesman Lt. Col. Olivier Hamuli. "(We) entered the city at 11 a.m. and were met by the applause of the population."

Over the weekend, Congolese soldiers took back Kiwanja, Rutshuru, Buhumba and Kibumba. Of the five, Rumangabo is the most important militarily, because it is home to one of the largest military camps in Congo's troubled east.

The soldiers faced no resistance as they headed into Rumangabo town, according to a reporter for The Associated Press accompanying the troops. From there they advanced toward the camp, which dates back to the time of ex-dictator Mobutu Sese Seko and was taken over about a year ago by the M23 rebels, who used it to train their recruits.

The Congolese army reached the camp at around noon, secured the stockpile of weapons left there and posted guards. It was there that the Congolese troops were approached by Jacques Leon Liripa, a Congolese soldier who had been cap-

tured by the rebels in 2012, and spent more than a year as a prisoner of war. He said the M23 rebels deserted the area on Sunday afternoon, and he was able to break out of jail. He spent the night in the forest, emerging only when he saw his former colleagues.

Martin Kobler, the U.N. special representative for Congo, briefed the U.N. Security Council and told them "We are witnessing the military end of the M23," according to French U.N. Ambassador Gerard Araud. "We hope that the rebel movement has been chas-

tised, and will go back to the negotiating table," Araud said.

The Congolese government will quickly restore administration, said the governor of the North Kivu province. "I confirm the fall of Rumangabo," said Julien Paluku. □



Congolese army soldiers are cheered by residents as they march through Rugare after recapturing it from M23 rebels over the weekend, towards Rumangabo, around 30km (19 miles) from the provincial capital Goma, in eastern Congo Monday, Oct. 28, 2013.

(AP Photo/Joseph Kay)

Chile sentences 4 in brutal murder of gay man

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean judges on Monday sentenced a man to life in prison for the beating death of a gay man whose body was carved with swastikas, and gave lesser sentences to three others.

The four men were convicted earlier this month of first-degree murder in the attack on Daniel Zamudio. They burned him with cigarettes, beat him with glass bottles and broke his right leg with a heavy rock before abandoning him in a park in the capital of Santiago on March 3, 2012.

The killing prompted Chile's Congress to pass an anti-discrimination law.

The three-judge panel gave Patricio Ahumada Garay a life sentence. Alejandro Angulo Tapia and Raul Lopez Fuentes were sentenced to 15-year terms and Fabian Mora Mora got seven years.

Zamudio's family and friends applauded as the sentences were read out. Ahumada, the group's ring-leader, glared at the victim's family defiantly and lashed out at the judges, accusing them of sending an innocent man to prison, before he was escorted out by police.

But Rolando Jimenez, president of the Gay Liberation and Integration Move-

ment, was not totally happy with the outcome.

"This leaves a bitter taste in my mouth because they deserved much stiffer sentences, unfortunately Chile's legislation doesn't allow it," said Jimenez. "We're tired of fighting to end the brutal attacks on people because of their sexual orientation."

"It's enough. How many more people must die for this to stop?" he asked. The anti-discrimination law had been stuck in Congress for seven years, but President Sebastian Pinera put it on the fast track after Zamudio's murder. The law adopted last year allows

people to file anti-discrimination lawsuits and adds hate-crime sentences for violent crimes.

Zamudio, a clothing store salesman, was the second of four brothers and had hoped to study theater. Later outside the courtroom, Zamudio's mother sobbed and said she regretted that her son's killers didn't receive harsher sentences.

"The four of them should have gotten life in prison because they were all part of the beating of Daniel," Jacqueline Vera said. "I just want them to rot in prison for what they did. Let them dry up behind bars." □

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Italian vintners look abroad as home sales slump

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Associated Press

TORANO NUOVO, Italy (AP)

— It's harvest season at the family-run vintner Emidio Pepe in central Italy and workers are wading into the vineyards, hand-picking grapes and pressing them under their boots in giant wooden vats.

The seasonal ritual has brought together generations of rural communities. But the final product, the highly-rated Pecorino white, is now more likely to be enjoyed in New York or Beijing than in the local village of Torano Nuovo, in the Abruzzo region. That's because wine-drinking in Italy, one of the world's biggest producers, is hitting record lows, forcing many vintners to seek buyers abroad.

Consumption is at its weakest since Italy was unified as a country in 1861, according to Coldiretti, the main farmers' association. The most immediate cause has been the economic downturn, which has pinched incomes. But that

has just accelerated what has been a decades-long slide in consumption.

Italians are expected to drink 40 liters (10.6 gallons) a head this year, down from 45 liters (11.9 gallons) before the financial crisis began in 2007 and just

about a third of the 110 liters (29 gallons) seen in the 1970s, according to Assoenologi, the main enologists' association.

In the past 25 years, wine "has become a hedonistic product, which is not part of Italians' basic diet any-

more," said Michele Fino, law professor and wine expert from the University of Gastronomic Studies in Pollenzo.

That leaves it more exposed to short-term fluctuations in economic conditions. The two-year recession was like

"the flu that arrives when one's defenses are already low," Fino said.

Italians' change of attitude is going hand in hand with the increasing popularity of other, more casual alcoholic drinks — above all, beer, particularly among the young. While the average Italian's consumption of wine is only a third of what it was in the 1970s, beer drinking has doubled. "We like beer because it's more refreshing, lively, soft and lighter," said Francesco Rizzo, a 30-year-old hanging out with friends one night in Campo de' Fiori, one of Rome's nightlife hotspots where beer is a top choice.

Other traditional wine-producing countries in Europe, such as Spain and France, have also seen a drop in wine consumption. But the shift to other drinks is less dramatic. In Spain, people already drink twice as much beer as they do wine. With interest ebbing at home, more than 50 percent of Italian wine is currently exported, up from 28 percent in 2000. The biggest buyers are the United States and Germany. But sales are rising quickly in many new markets. In China, for example, they grew by almost a fifth from 2011 to 2012.

But it's mainly top-end wines that find a way on foreign markets, meaning many Italian producers of low- and mid-range wines are still suffering.

"Paradoxically, the wines that do best during an economic crisis are the most expensive ones because those who buy top-end wines are those with economic means, and therefore those who suffer the crisis the least," said food and wine expert Daniele Cernilli. □



Workers hand-pick the grapes at the family-run Emidio Pepe vineyard near Teramo, Italy. Day One of harvest season at the family-run vintner workers are hand-picking the grapes and pressing them under foot in large wooden vats, making the 2013 Pecorino white the way it's been done for over a century. The seasonal ritual has brought together generations of rural communities. But the final product, the highly-rated Pecorino white, is now more likely to be enjoyed in New York or Beijing than in the local village. (AP Photo/Francesco Sportelli)

Luxury goods sales slow as China demand ebbs

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AP Business Writer

MILAN (AP)

Chinese shoppers are cutting back on designer duds, leather handbags and pricey watches, putting a drag on global sales of luxury goods, which a study forecasts to expand just 2 percent this year.

The analysis released Monday by Bain & Company estimated 2013 luxury sales at euros 217 billion (\$300 billion), up from 212 billion euros in 2012. The increase is a fraction of the double-digit growth enjoyed the previous three years.

Sales of luxury goods in Chi-

na are expected to grow by just 2.5 percent, to 15.3 billion euros, as a result of an anti-corruption crackdown that has slowed gift-giving and a tendency by Chinese tourists to shop abroad, Bain said.

The United States remains by far the largest luxury market, with sales of 62.5 billion euros, followed by Japan and Italy, both in contraction with 17.2 billion euros and 16.1 billion in sales this year. China is expected to surpass France for the fourth place.

Luxury brands' earnings also were penalized by exchange rate fluctua-

tions, namely a devalued yen and the relative weakness of the euro compared with other currencies, said Claudia D'Arpizio, the Bain partner who led the study. For the Fondazione Alta-gamma, an association of Italian producers of up-scale fashion, design, food and beverages that commissions the annual study, the analysis contains a few lessons: Internet sales are growing at double-digit rates and consumers are turning away from brands' second lines in favor of new names that are better attuned to local tastes.

"I think it is very clear that

this market is becoming more complex and more competitive," D'Arpizio told The Associated Press. "For many it will be a fight for market share going forward. The ones who can understand how the consumer is behaving and accommodate the consumers will be the winners."

Online sales are forecast to grow by 28 percent to 9.8 billion euros in 2013, still representing just 4.5 percent of all luxury purchases. D'Arpizio said that the potential for future growth is enormous, noting that 40 percent of brands have no on-line presence at all. □



Presented by the Trop Club & Casino:

Hollywood Smokehouse wins 2nd annual Battle of the Food Trucks!

TROP CLUB & CASINO – This past weekend the island's top food trucks served up their best street-food offerings battling for the coveted title of Best Food Truck on Aruba, during the 2nd annual Battle of the Food Trucks, on the parking lot in front of Trop Club & Casino.

For the weekend event, the Trop Club & Casino teamed up with Presidente Beer and Coca Cola to bring back the two-night mega event, which attracted large, hungry crowds last year, and again this year.

The winner of the competition, the Hollywood Smokehouse with pitmaster Tina Bislick, in collaboration with her husband Michael Bislick and server Jenn Coster, outperformed last year's winner, Tia Rosa, who came in second, with Chalo Burger in the third place.

The Hollywood Smokehouse served a specialty platter of three deliciously different tacos on homemade flour tortillas. On the menu presented to the judges: Beef Brisket Taco, topped with sautéed onions and a cumin-ranch BBQ sauce, Fish Taco with roasted corn and black beans, drizzled with a cilantro-garlic aioli, and Korean Pulled Pork Taco with Korean BBQ sauce and Asian slaw, chased by the smokehouse's famous fudge-walnut brownies.

A panel of three celebrity judges in charge of the tasting, also helped hand out the awards at the end of the second night. They were Chef Hector Espinoza, Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, Executive Chef Miguel Garcia, Occidental Grand, Aruba and Executive Chef Stephen Toevs, Ritz Carlton, Aruba.

The judging took place in plain view of the crowd and the final decision of the judges was unanimous, reports Executive Chef Miguel Garcia.

The food presented to the judges was evaluated according to its eye appeal, uniqueness, color and texture, aroma and taste, temperature, degree of difficulty and overall presentation.

Other famous island establishments who returned to the competition included Piet Super Snack Truck, Gio



JJ Burger, Ricuras, Il Buongusto and the new Eataty snack truck, Candela Grill, Mr. Potato Head, Scott's Brats and Cocolishi Street Food, besides many more vendors serving ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, shaved ice treats, and fruit drinks. Aside from the prestigious title, more than Awg 5,000 in prize money was up for grabs, with the winner accepting a \$1,500 cash prize from the Trop Club & Casino, and the second place winner collecting \$1,000, besides stylish medals and public recognition.

The island's best musical bands performed and entertained during the two night event including Youth Extreme, Rincon Boyz, Ezequiel Anthony and Esquema, Le Groove, Upgrade Music, Sonic Lab, Claudius Philips and his band OREO, Honey Pot,

and DJ Big Rig, providing the excellent musical background for the food fest. In between supporting their favorite food truck, event-goers checked out the domino tournament and the Harley Davidson show. And the little ones had plenty to do, between the bouncy castle, and the abundant kid treats, as well

as Halloween candy.

As expected, the event enjoyed the attendance of costumed adults on Saturday, celebrating Halloween, and creating a festive much-enjoyed ambiance, which helped raise funds for the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fund, raising awareness and helping cancer patients and their

families for over 50 years.

Wilfred Trimon, Director of Casino, Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino, reports the event will definitely return next year, for the third annual showdown of epic and tasty proportions! Presented by the Trop Club & Casino: Hollywood Smokehouse wins 2nd annual Battle of the Food Trucks! □

TIERRA DEL SOL MOVES FORWARD

WEST PUNT - Tierra del Sol Real Estate N.V. and Tierra del Sol Golf Course N.V. have today been granted Surseance van betaling (Suspension of Certain Creditor Obligations). As has been widely reported, Tierra del Sol has had a long history of difficult challenges, including two auctions, since commencing operations in 1995. Even though Surseance van Betaling is not the easiest path to take, this court controlled process has been chosen as the best approach to enable TDS to continue its current operations while

enabling the prospective new owners, FMV Holding Company, N.V. to execute the turnaround plan. Furthermore, it is expected that this approach will yield the best results for homeowners, employees, service providers, visitors, and other interested parties.

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Banjolux hosts fantastic International Suppliers Exhibition!



ORANJESTAD - Banjolux, Aruba's leading bathroom and tile specialist, recently hosted the island's 2013 International Supplier Exhibition. The event was a resounding success, with local professionals in attendance to review the exciting new product lines offered by Banjolux's world-renowned international suppliers. Attendees included a wide range of interested parties, including the island's top general contractors and architects, as well as the chief engineers from several of the island's major resorts. The attendees were certainly impressed

and overwhelmed with the endless possibilities presented by the suppliers. Hansgrohe, the famous German supplier of beautifully crafted quality showers and mixers, showcased a collection of its newest designs. Italcrafts, a leading distributor of ceramic tile, presented an impres-



sive array of new tile designs, from 3 mm to 20 mm thick. Toto USA featured a selection of its most innovative toilets on the market to date.

Other attending suppliers included Laticrete, manufacturer of ceramic tile and stone-installation systems; Van den Berg, shower and tile drain experts; Loggere, manufacturer of stainless-steel sanitary equipment for public areas, prisons, and hospitals; Grip Antislip, manufacturer of multi-use anti-slip coatings; and Tuscan Leveling Inc., manufacturer of the world's best tile-leveling system.

The exhibition proved to be a truly unique opportunity for the attending



professionals. Banjolux, which prides itself in encouraging businesses and individuals to discover their own unique taste and then bringing it to fruition, was proud to host such an in-

spiring event and couldn't have anticipated a better turnout. Both the suppliers and the attending island businesses are already looking forward to next year's event. □

Spooky Pumpkin Bread Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (200g) flour
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup (200 g) sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup (240 ml) pumpkin purée*
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) olive oil
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) chopped walnuts



* To make pumpkin purée, cut a pumpkin in half, scoop out the seeds and stringy stuff, lie face down on a foil or Silpat lined baking sheet. Bake at 350°F until soft, about 45 min to an hour. Cool, scoop out the flesh. Freeze whatever you don't use for future use. Or, if you are working with pumpkin pieces, roast or boil them until tender, then remove and discard the skin.

Method:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Sift together the flour, salt, sugar, and baking soda.
- 2 Mix the pumpkin, oil, eggs, 1/4 cup of water, and spices together, then combine with the dry ingredients, but do not mix too thoroughly. Stir in the nuts.
- 3 Pour into a well-buttered 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake 50-60 minutes until a thin skewer poked in the very center of the loaf comes out clean. Turn out of the pan and let cool on a rack.

Enjoy your Pumpkin bread this Halloween weekend! □

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treat?" The word "trick" refers to "threat" to perform mischief on the homeowners or their property if no treat is given. Aruba actually never participated in

this tradition, but over the last ten year it has been become a both scary and funny event under the youngsters. The dressing up and winning prizes has

been the talk of the month and costumes are being sold everywhere on the island. Some people even order on line or bring them back themselves while vis-

iting the USA. This Aruba Halloween weekend is going to be even bigger and better than last year! Be there, be safe, but don't be scared! □



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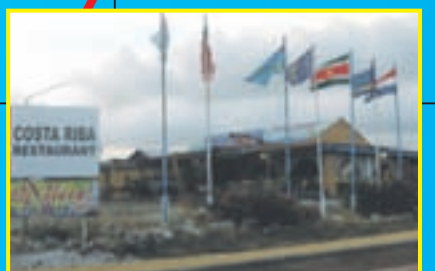
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Lester, Ross lead Red Sox to 3-1 WS Game 5 win

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jon Lester smothered St. Louis on four hits into the eighth and David Ross hit a tiebreaking RBI double in a two-run seventh inning as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cardinals 3-1 Monday night to take a 3-2 World Series lead.

David Ortiz's RBI double in the first put the Red Sox ahead until Matt Holliday hit his second home run of the Series in the fourth, ending a 16 1-3 inning Series scoreless streak for Lester dating to 2007.

In a rematch of the opener, won by the Red Sox 8-1, Lester again beat Adam Wainwright, striking out seven and walking one in 7 2-3 innings. Koji Uehara got four outs to finish the four-hitter for his second save. Boston can win its third title in a decade on Wednesday night, when the Series resumes at Fenway Park. The Red Sox haven't won a championship on their home field since 1918. John Lackey starts for Boston and rookie Michael Wacha for St. Louis in a rematch of Game 2, won by the Cardinals 4-2.

A pair of unique endings — the first postseason games



Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts punches the air as he scores on an RBI ground rule double by David Ross during the seventh inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

to finish with an obstruction call and a pickoff — left players wondering what strange events would be next. They did know the Series would go back to Boston's Fenway Park on Wednesday night, when John Lackey starts for the Red Sox and rookie Michael Wacha for the Cardinals. Wacha got the victory and Lackey the loss in Game 2, won by the Cardinals 4-2.

In the 42 previous times the Series has been tied 2-2, the Game 5 winner has gone on to take the title 27 times — but just three of the last 10.

Wainwright fell behind nine pitches in. Dustin Pedroia doubled with one out, sending a hanging curveball into left field. Ortiz pulled the next pitch between Allen Craig and first base and down the right field line.

Xander Bogaerts singled with one in the seventh and Stephen Drew walked. Ross then hit a ground-rule double to left field for the 2-1 lead. An out later, Ellsbury singled to center, scoring Drew.

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In this July 19, 2013 file photo, Lydia Ko tees off on the second hole during the second round of the Marathon Classic golf tournament at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.

Associated Press

Teen to become LPGA Tour member

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— The LPGA Tour waived its age requirement Monday for Lydia Ko, clearing the way for the 16-year-old from New Zealand to join the tour in 2014.

Ko won't be like most LPGA Tour rookies.

She already is a two-time champion, having won the Women's Canadian Open at 15 last year to become

the youngest winner in LPGA Tour history, and then successfully defending her title this summer in Canada. Born in South Korea and raised in New Zealand, she already is No. 5 in women's world ranking.

Ko contended in the Evian Championship in France, and a short time later asked the LPGA Tour to waive its requirement that

players be 18 or older to join. "We are looking forward to having Lydia as a full-time member for the 2014 season," LPGA Tour commissioner Mike Whan said. "It is not often that the LPGA welcomes a rookie who is already a back-to-back champion."

Ko plans to play the LPGA Titleholders in Naples, Fla., at the end of November. □

NBA Overview

New looks and a familiar favorite for NBA 2013-14

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Dwight Howard moved on and Derrick Rose came back, though Kobe Bryant won't quite yet. Nine first-time coaches are coming in and Commissioner David Stern will soon head out. With different looks all around the NBA in 2013-14, one familiar sight remains: LeBron James and the Miami Heat are entering another season as the team to beat.

The two-time defending champions will collect their rings Tuesday night, then open against the Chicago Bulls, who with a healthy Rose might be the team that can unseat the Heat. Or maybe it's San Antonio or Indiana, both a game away last year — actually, the Spurs were just seconds away — from finishing off Miami. Perhaps it's the Nets or Clippers, after both picked up pieces of the old Celtics that had the Heat's respect but not their number.

If someone does dethrone King James, it won't be because he was satisfied with two titles and lost his edge. "When the hunger is gone, I'm going to give it up," James said. "I've got a talent and I'm going to take full advantage of it. So I'm hungry."

"I love the game. There's nothing I would do more than play this game of basketball. So the championships are all great, but I'm playing for more than that. I've got a bigger calling than that."

If he means becoming the best ever, he might be on his way. With four MVP trophies and no noticeable weaknesses, the gap with his peers is getting larger and the one with the greats before him is shrinking.

"He's the best on the planet right now. I don't know what you can do, but just hope that he misses," said Nets coach Jason Kidd, one of the nine coaches getting his first opportunity. In total, 13 teams changed coaches.

James did miss in the clos-

ing seconds of Game 6 of the NBA Finals, but the Heat got the rebound to set up Ray Allen's tying 3-pointer, pulled it out in overtime and won Game 7 to deny the Spurs a fifth title.

San Antonio may get another chance to finish the job, or may not even be the best team in Texas after Howard joined James Harden in Houston.

Howard bolted after one unfulfilling season in Los Angeles, where he and Bryant never found a working partnership. The center already seems happier and healthier in Houston, where he and Harden can build a potent inside-outside tandem.

As for Bryant, he'll watch the Lakers' opener, and who knows how much more, while he continues to rehab from a torn Achilles' tendon. Questions over how well he can play at 35 after such a serious injury, along with Howard's departure, created unusually low expectations for the Lakers.

Instead, the buzz in Los Angeles is about the Clippers, who hired Doc Rivers to coach while Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett went to Brooklyn after Boston's breakup. That also could make both longtime losers not only the current kings of their cities, but also contenders to reach the NBA Finals — which are returning to the 2-2-1-1-1 format after 29 years of 2-3-2.

Here are five other things to watch around the NBA this season:

SITTING SPEEDSTERS: While Rose returns after sitting out last season with a torn ACL, Russell Westbrook and Rajon Rondo remain out recovering from knee surgeries. A healthy Westbrook makes Oklahoma City a title contender while Rondo could help the Celtics exceed expectations — or perhaps become the next player they trade.

UP AND COMERS: They're not ready to contend for a title, but keep an eye on New Orleans, Washington and Cleveland, all with dy-

namite young players who may be good enough to carry their franchises back to the postseason.

CHANGING COMMISSIONERS: Adam Silver replaces the retiring Stern as commissioner on Feb. 1, exactly 30 years after Stern took office. Silver has done much of the heavy lifting for years, but he'll be replacing one of the greatest executives sports has seen. "I'm excited for the league and for the future, and for the fact that having been at the league now for 36 years, we've reached this point and there's a really extraordinary executive in Adam ready to take it to the next level," Stern said. □



Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose warms up before an NBA pre-season basketball game against the Denver Nuggets in Chicago on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013.

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World Series

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But Ross was thrown at home plate to end the inning.

Wainwright allowed all three runs and eight hits in seven innings with 10 strikeouts and a walk.

Ortiz is batting .733 (11 for 15) in the Series with two homers and six RBIs. His six hits in six straight at-bats were one shy of the record, set by the New York Yankees' Thurman Munson (1976-77) and matched by Cincinnati's Billy Hatcher (1990). With three walks added in, Ortiz tied the record for most consecutive plate appearances reaching by a hit, walk or hit bat-



Boston Red Sox's David Ross is tagged out at home by St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina during the seventh inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, in St. Louis.
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ter, set by Hatcher.

Allen Craig was not in the

Cardinals' original lineup and was a surprise starter

at first base in place of the slumping Matt Adams.

Craig sprained a ligament in his left foot last month and had not played in the field since Sept. 4. Carlos Beltran was moved down two spots in the order to cleanup.

Boston right fielder Shane Victorino was out of the starting lineup for the second straight night because of lower back stiffness. Jonny Gomes, Victorino's replacement in the batting order, hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the 4-2 Red Sox win Sunday and was moved up a spot to cleanup. Ortiz was bumped up to third.

The Red Sox won their last World Series title exactly six years earlier, and St. Louis won Game 7 at home on the same date in 2011. □

Red Bulls beat Fire to secure Supporters' Shield

HARRISON, New Jersey (AP) — New York Red Bulls secured top spot in the Major League Soccer standings at the end of the regular season with a 5-2 win over Chicago Fire on Sunday, giving first-year coach Mike Petke plenty to celebrate ahead of the playoffs.

"I feel like over the last two weeks, the pressure and stress I put on my shoulders, I feel like I can handle anything in life," Petke said. "It was a very emotional two weeks." Thierry Henry scored a goal in the first half and set up New York's fifth goal in the 84th minute to help the Red Bulls get to 59 competition points, lifting them over Sporting Kansas City, which had 58 points. Portland led the western conference with 57 points. It was the first Supporters' Shield triumph for the Red Bulls, who will carry an eight-game unbeaten streak into the playoffs. They also secured a spot in next season's CONCACAF Champions League.

"At 12 midnight tonight it will be a wonderful memory because we still have five games left," Petke said. "We're going to refocus and get ready for the playoffs."

Seattle 1, L.A. Galaxy 1

At Seattle, Clint Dempsey scored in the 30th minute



Vancouver Whitecaps' Young-Pyo Lee, of South Korea, is thrown in the air by his teammates after playing in the final professional match of his career, an MLS soccer game against the Colorado Rapids in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.
Associated Press

for the Sounders before Robbie Keane salvaged a 1-1 draw for the L.A. Galaxy. Dempsey's goal gave Seattle a chance at finishing third in the western conference but Keane's 78th-minute equalizer changed the entire playoff picture. Galaxy took third place and will face Real Salt Lake in the two-leg conference semifinals. Seattle will host Colorado in the play-in

round on Wednesday, with the winner getting Portland in the conference semifinals.

New England 1, Columbus 0

At Columbus, Juan Agudelo scored midway through the first half to clinch the win for the Revolution, who needed to win their regular-season finale because Houston defeated D.C. United earlier in the day to

also reach 51 points. New England moved from sixth in the Eastern Conference, one spot out of the playoffs, to third with the victory and will play Sporting KC next weekend.

Houston 2, DC United 1

At Washington, Boniek Garcia and Giles Barnes scored in the first half to help Houston finish fourth in the eastern conference and move into a knockout match

against Montreal this week. D.C. United was winless in its last 12 games and set the MLS record for fewest victories (three) in a season.

Vancouver 3, Colorado 0
At Vancouver, Camilo Sanvezzo scored three times to give him an MLS-best 22 goals as the Whitecaps closed out their season with a 3-0 victory over the Colorado Rapids, who placed fifth in the western division.

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NFL Capsules

Megatron leads Lions rally, beats Cowboys 31-30

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — DETROIT (AP) — Matthew Stafford's 1-yard lunge over a pile of linemen with 12 seconds left and Calvin Johnson's 329 yards receiving lifted the Detroit Lions to a 31-30 comeback win over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Stafford threw a 22-yard pass to Johnson, who had the second-most yards receiving in NFL history, to set up his winning score. The quarterback seemed to catch his hometown Cowboys by surprise — some of them appeared to expect him to spike the ball.

Johnson's total trails only the 336 yards receiving Flipper Anderson had for the Los Angeles Rams against New Orleans on Nov. 26, 1989, in a game that went into overtime.

The Lions (5-3) overcame four turnovers and a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter against Dallas (4-4).

CHIEFS 23, BROWNS 17
KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Alex Smith threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns and helped the Kansas City Chiefs hold off the scrappy Cleveland Browns late in the fourth quarter to preserve a victory and remain the NFL's lone undefeated team.

The Chiefs (8-0), off to their best start since 2003, built a 20-7 lead late in the first half before the Browns (3-4) made it a game.

Jason Campbell, starting in place of the ineffective Brandon Weeden, threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns for the Browns.

The Chiefs kept stopping the Browns down the stretch. They forced a turnover on downs with just over 2 minutes left, and Ryan Succop kicked his third field goal in

the closing seconds to help seal the victory.

BRONCOS 45, REDSKINS 21
DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning overcame four turnovers and Denver scored the last 38 points against former Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and his new team. Manning finished with 354 yards and four touchdown passes to offset his three interceptions and lost fumble.

His first two turnovers led to points that gave the Redskins (2-5) a 21-7 lead early in the third quarter. From there, Manning led the Broncos (7-1) on two long scoring drives, then the go-ahead score on a 35-yard touchdown pass to Knowshon Moreno.

Robert Griffin III finished with 132 yards passing, one score and two interceptions for Washington before hurting his left knee.

Griffin's replacement, Kirk Cousins, threw an interception that Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie returned 75 yards for Denver's final points.

PACKERS 44, VIKINGS 31
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for 285 yards and two touchdowns to lead Green Bay over Minnesota.

Rodgers completed 24 of 29 passes and Jordy Nelson had 123 yards receiving for the Packers.

Micah Hyde returned a punt 93 yards for a touchdown late in the second quarter, and Eddie Lacy rushed for 94 yards and a score for Green Bay (5-2). Cordarrelle Patterson set an NFL record with a 109-yard return on the opening kickoff and Adrian Peterson rushed for 60 yards and a touchdown for the Vikings (1-6). But Christian Ponder struggled again in his re-



Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) throws under pressure from Dallas Cowboys defensive end George Selvie (99) in the second quarter of an NFL football game in Detroit, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

Associated Press

turn to the starting lineup and the Packers scored on every possession until they took a knee to end the game.

SAINTS 35, BILLS 17
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees passed for five touchdowns and 332 yards, and the New Orleans Saints pulled away for a victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Saints tight end Jimmy Graham played after missing practice most of the week with a left foot injury and scored on 13- and 15-yard passes over the middle, powering through tackles at the goal line both times. Rookie Kenny Stills had touchdowns of 69 and 42 yards for the Saints (6-1) and Lance Moore snagged a 15-yard scoring pass in his return from a hand injury that sidelined him three games.

Thad Lewis was sacked four times, intercepted once, lost two fumbles and appeared shaken up at times, but stayed in the game for the Bills (3-5), finishing with 234 yards passing and one touchdown. Buffalo's Fred Jackson scored on a 1-yard run.

BENGALS 49, JETS 9
CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton threw a career-high five touchdown passes, four of them to Marvin Jones. Dalton's five touchdown passes gave him 11 in his last three games, his best such span.

He's the first quarterback to throw for five TDs against the Jets since Dan Marino in 1988.

The Bengals (6-2) won their fourth in a row and padded their AFC North lead. New York (4-4) took its most lopsided loss since 2010.

Rookie quarterback Geno Smith threw two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns.

RAIDERS 21, STEELERS 18
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Terrelle Pryor ran 93 yards on the first play from scrimmage for the longest touchdown run by a quarterback, and the Raiders won following a bye week for the first time since 2002. Darren McFadden added two touchdown runs and the defense did the rest for the Raiders (3-4), who had been outscored by more than 13 points a game in losing their last 10 games out of the bye.

Ben Roethlisberger struggled against heavy pressure from Oakland's front, and Shaun Suisham missed two short field goals as Pittsburgh (2-5) squandered any momentum gained during back-to-back wins following an 0-4 start.

CARDINALS 27, FALCONS 13
GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) — Rookie Andre Ellington rushed for 154 yards on 15 carries, including an 80-yard touchdown run, and the Cardinals intercepted Matt Ryan four times.

Ellington's big run, tied for third longest in Cardinals history, was part of a 21-point second quarter that put the Cardinals (4-4) in control for good.

Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald caught four passes for 48 yards and a touchdown, in the process becoming the youngest player — at 30 years, 57 days — in NFL history to reach 800 career receptions.

Ryan had thrown three interceptions total in the first six games of the season for the Falcons (2-5). Rashad Johnson had two of Arizona's interceptions. □

NHL Capsules

Stastny's late goal lifts Avalanche over Jets 3-2

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Paul Stastny had a goal and an assist in the third period and Semyon Varlamov stopped 24 shots as the streaking Colorado Avalanche beat the Winnipeg Jets 3-2 on Sunday night.

Matt Duchene and Jan Hejda also scored for the Avalanche, who under coach Patrick Roy are 10-1 for the first time in franchise history. Gabriel Landeskog added two assists.

Blake Wheeler and Bryan Little had a goal and assist each for the Jets.

The Avalanche trailed 2-1 entering the third but came out strong at the start of the period. They put nine quick shots on goalie Al Montoya before Hejda tied it with 12:47 left on an assist by Stastny.

Stastny netted the winner with 5:28 left to give Colorado its fourth straight victory.

Montoya stopped 33 shots before being pulled for an extra skater with 1:30 left.

DUCKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Corey Perry scored with 2:25 remaining to help Anaheim end Columbus' three-game winning streak.

Perry wristed a shot over sprawled goalie Sergei Bobrovsky for his sixth of the season.

The Ducks lost Saku Koivu late in the second period on a hit that resulted in



Colorado Avalanche center Paul Stastny, front, puts the puck in the net for the go-ahead goal past Winnipeg Jets goalie Al Montoya in the third period of the Avalanche's 3-2 victory in an NHL hockey game in Denver on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

the ejection of Columbus' Brandon Dubinsky.

Artem Anisimov scored twice, rebounding from a first-period hit by Francois Beauchemin, and Blake Comeau scored his first of the season for Columbus, which went 3-1 on its homestand.

Bobrovsky, last season's Vezina Trophy winner, stopped 28 of 32 shots.

Ryan Getzlaf, Peter Holland and Emerson Etem scored for Anaheim.

Anaheim is 2-2 halfway

through its eight-game road trip after starting the season by winning seven of its first eight games. Rookie Frederik Anderson made 18 saves to improve to 3-0.

SHARKS 5, SENATORS 2
OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Alex Stalock stopped 38 shots in his first NHL start to lead San Jose over Ottawa. The 26-year-old Stalock made 16 saves in the first period and helped the Sharks jump out to a 3-1 lead.

Tomas Hertl, Andrew Des-

jardins, Tommy Wingels, James Sheppard and Joe Pavelski scored for the Sharks (10-1-1), who played the fourth game of a five-game road trip.

The Senators (4-5-2) got goals from Erik Karlsson and Marc Methot, who netted his first of the season. Craig Anderson made 24 saves. The Sharks were outshot for the first time this season.

LIGHTNING 4, PANTHERS 3, SO

SUNRISE, Florida (AP) — Steven Stamkos and Valtteri

Filppula both scored in the shootout to give Tampa Bay a win over Florida. Stamkos made some nice moves and slipped the puck past Jacob Markstrom for the deciding goal.

Stamkos, Radko Gudas, and Martin St Louis all scored in regulation for Tampa Bay, which has won five of six. Anders Lindback stopped 29 shots and turned aside three of four Florida shooters in the tie-breaker. Stamkos also had an assist.

Brad Boyes, Nick Bjugstad and Shawn Matthias scored, and Markstrom made 25 saves for Florida. Boyes also had a shootout goal. Jonathan Huberdeau, Aleksander Barkov, and Dmitry Kulikov all missed. B The Panthers lost for the fifth time in seven games, including two shootouts. Florida rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the third period to tie it.

KINGS 2, OILERS 1, SO
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anze Kopitar scored the deciding goal in a shootout as the Los Angeles Kings beat the Edmonton Oilers 2-1 for their seventh victory in nine games.

The Kings outshot the Oilers 48-18 in regulation and overtime. Nail Yakupov scored for Edmonton on a power play in the second period and Mike Richards tied it less than 14 minutes later. □



US Women's National Team's Abby Wambach (20) is tripped by New Zealand Women's National Team's Rebekah Stott (15) in the second half of an international friendly soccer match on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in San Francisco. U.S. won 4-1.

Associated Press

Rapinoe scores early, U.S. beats New Zealand 4-1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Megan Rapinoe, Carli Lloyd, Christen Press and Heather O'Reilly scored to help the U.S. women's team beat New Zealand 4-1 in an international friendly Sunday to extend its unbeaten streak to 37 games. Hannah Wilkinson scored for New Zealand.

"The first 10 or 15 minutes we looked quite shaky," New Zealand coach Tony Readings said. "The U.S. is a

step up and it took a while to get up to speed."

The Americans are unbeaten at home since 2004, a stretch that includes 75 games.

"In the second half we got out of our rhythm and allowed New Zealand to dictate," U.S. coach Tom Sermanni said.

"It was a tough fight in the second half."

Hope Solo had a pair of saves in the first half, including a 1-on-1 with Wilkinson.

Nicole Barnhart was in the net for the second half.

Rapinoe opened the scoring in the seventh minute, converting a free kick from just outside the box, with Lloyd and Press also scoring before half time.

The U.S. women are in the midst of three games in 10 days. They beat Australia 4-0 in San Antonio on Oct. 20 and will play New Zealand again in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday night. □

MTV to premiere series on app

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — MTV is releasing a full season of a new series about a luckless high school football team on its mobile application Friday, a week before the first episode is shown on television.

It appears to be a new milestone in the fast-moving world of technology changing traditional television content, much like when Netflix made an entire season of "House of Cards" available at once through the streaming service. MTV made its free app available on iPhones, iPads, iPods and the Xbox 360 in June, and nearly 2 million have been downloaded.

The series, "Wait 'Til Next Year," is a 12-episode docudrama about a high school football team that had lost 43 games in a row and the community surrounding it.

"It will be fun to see if we can get them to come back and watch on television," said Kristin Frank, MTV's executive vice president of connected con-

tent.

That's always been a worry among networks about new content delivery forms, since the financial underpinning of the business is still largely dependent on viewers watching programs — and their commercials — on television. But MTV figures that many people who watch the series on the app will become promotional vehicles themselves, spreading the word about it on social networks and encouraging others to watch on TV.

MTV also experimented recently with its "flock to unlock" promotion on Miley Cyrus. The network released "extras" from its "Miley: The Movement" documentary on the app, provided a certain number of viewers tweeted requests. They did and, in effect, the fans who successfully "unlocked" the extra material provided MTV with free online publicity.

During the Cyrus experiment, MTV saw an 82 percent increase week to week in the number of people downloading the app, the network said.



This photo provided by MTV shows the cast of the new series "Wait 'Til Next Year," which will debut exclusively via the MTV mobile application before it appears on air. This photo provided by MTV shows the cast of the new series "Wait 'Til Next Year," which will debut exclusively via the MTV mobile application before it appears on air.

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VH1 recently made its new app available. The network aired reruns of last week's popular documentary about the band TLC exclusively on the app for a week before it aired again on television, Frank said. The CMT and Logo networks are also readying apps to be available in the next few months.

So far, a little more than half of the downloaded apps have been for iPhones, and 31 percent have been for iPads, MTV said. It is expecting to make an app for Android systems soon, a spokesman said Thursday. MTV figured "Wait 'Til Next Year" would be a good test case for how many people are interested in using the

app for new content, since it's a series that's starting without any established stars. Beyond the football team, the series focuses on cheerleaders, fans, parents and others trying to keep up enthusiasm for a program that hasn't won a game in five years. It debuts on television on MTV on Friday, Nov. 1. □

Nielsen to begin measuring mobile viewing

NEW YORK (AP) — Starting next year, Nielsen will begin counting U.S. television programs watched on mobile phones and tablets within its traditional TV ratings.

The company responsible for measuring TV viewership said Monday it will use codes embedded by networks within the programs to collect this information. Nielsen's measurements are the lifeblood of television's economic system, and this development is an important step in adjusting to changes in how content is consumed. □

Samsung to expand devices that work with Gear

NEW YORK (AP) — Samsung says its new Galaxy Gear computerized watch will be compatible with several older phones through a software update.

One big flaw with the \$300 Gear is that in the U.S., it's compatible only with the new Galaxy Note 3 phone, which costs another \$300 with a two-year service agreement. Last week, Samsung Electronics Co. said the Gear will also work with the Galaxy S4 Mini when that comes out next month. On Monday, Samsung said it will also make the update available for the S III, S4 and Note II in the coming weeks and the S4 Active and Mega phones in the coming months.

The Gear works with Samsung devices to display message alerts and other information on the wrist. □



A Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Note 3, bottom left, and Galaxy Gears, wristwatches with a touchscreen displays, are displayed in a showroom at Samsung Electronics Co. headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 4, 2013.

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S&P 500 makes small gain to log another record

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Standard & Poor's 500 index notched another record close on Monday by a tiny margin as good news from J.C. Penney helped offset disappointing earnings from several U.S. companies.

J.C. Penney was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500 after the retailer's CEO said sales were improving. Merck fell after the drugmaker sharply lowered its earnings forecast for the year and reported a plunge in third-quarter earnings. Roper Industries, a medical and industrial equipment manufacturer, dropped after lowering its full-year earnings estimate.

The S&P 500 has closed at an all-time high six times in October. The index was boosted earlier in the month by a deal in Washington that ended a partial government shutdown and prevented a potential default on the U.S. government's debt. Stocks have also climbed because companies have been able to keep increasing their earnings even as the economy failed to escape stall speed.

Earnings are expected to rise by about 4.5 percent at S&P 500 companies, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. While that is the slowest rate of growth in a year, companies are still beating the estimates of Wall Street analysts. About two-thirds of the companies that have published third-quarter earnings so far have exceeded analysts' expectations.

"Earnings are beating a low bar," said Russ Kosterich, chief investment strategist at BlackRock. "You have an economy that's not producing a lot of top-line growth, but it's allowing margins to remain elevated for longer than people thought."

The S&P 500 rose 2.34 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,762.11. The Dow Jones industrial average edged down 1.35 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 15,568.93. The Nasdaq composite closed

down 3.23 points, or 0.1 percent, at 3,940.13.

J.C. Penney, which is trying to recover from a botched corporate makeover led by its former CEO, rose 60 cents, or 8.8 percent, to \$7.39. The stock, which is still down 63 percent this year.

Merck fell \$1.19, or 2.6 percent, to \$45.35 after reporting that its third-quarter profit plunged 35 percent. Roper Industries fell \$8.78, or 2.6 percent, to \$124.26 after the company's earnings fell short of estimates. Roper also cut its earnings forecast.

Homebuilders fell after the number of Americans who signed contracts to buy previously occupied homes fell in September to the lowest level in nine months, reflecting higher mortgage rates and home prices. D.R. Horton dropped 11 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$19.66. KB Home fell 22 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$17.68.

Stocks have been supported this year by ongoing economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

This week investors will get more insight into the central bank's thinking.

Analysts don't expect to see any big changes come out of a meeting of Fed policymakers this week. The Fed is currently buying \$85 billion in bonds every month to help keep down long-term interest rates and

to encourage borrowing, spending and hiring.

"The Fed is not likely to surprise the markets at this week's meeting, by any means," said Michael Sheldon, the Chief Market Strategist at RDM Financial. "For now, it's steady as she goes."

The 16-day government

shutdown that ended earlier this month likely curtailed economic growth in the fourth quarter. Also, many government agencies stopped publishing economic reports during the shutdown, making it harder for policy makers to get a clear picture of the economy. □



Specialist Peter Giacchi works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Standard & Poor's 500 index notched another record close on Monday by a tiny margin.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Settlement approved in Google stock split suit

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AP Business Writer
WILMINGTON, Delaware
(AP) — A U.S. judge on Monday approved a settlement in a shareholder lawsuit challenging Google Inc.'s plans to split its stock and issue a new class of nonvoting shares.

The ruling by Chancellor Leo Strine Jr. clears the way for the Internet search leader to issue shares of "Class C" nonvoting stock for each share of existing stock. The judge approved the settlement despite noting that, while it is designed to ensure that co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin retain control of Mountain View, California-based Google, the two are not being forced to give any concessions to other shareholders. Instead, like other shareholders, Page and Brin will receive Class C shares in an amount equal to their current Class B stock

holdings — more than 24 million shares each.

"There's no economic sacrifice," Strine told Jeffrey Block, an attorney representing shareholders who filed the lawsuit in April 2012. At the same time, Strine noted that Google, under the leadership of

Page and Brin, has been "a rather astonishing market success," implying that there's currently no reason to second-guess the company's governance.

"Not everybody can create a verb," the judge said, referring to the evolution of the company's name from

a corporate label to the description of a ubiquitous online activity.

Strine also noted that there was no guarantee that the plaintiffs could have won their lawsuit, and that the settlement includes important corporate governance protections and gives more authority to independent board directors. Page and Brin own about 15 percent of Google's outstanding stock, but they hold 56 percent of shareholder voting power because their Class B stock gives them 10 votes per share, compared to one vote per share for Class A stock.

Google argued that by creating a new class of nonvoting shares, the company could continue rewarding employees with stock and finance acquisitions without undermining the voting power of Page and Brin. □



The Chrome logo is displayed at a Google event in New York. A U.S. judge on Monday approved a settlement in a shareholder lawsuit challenging Google Inc.'s plans to split its stock and issue a new class of nonvoting shares.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

Survey points to pick-up in global M&A's

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Growing optimism over the global economy is likely to lead to a marked pick-up in the number of mergers and acquisitions over the coming months, a survey of executives found Monday.

In its half-yearly report into the M&A sector, consulting firm Ernst & Young said it expects both the volume and size of deals to improve over the coming year, with 35 percent of companies surveyed likely to pursue acquisitions compared with just 25 percent a year ago. The more favorable backdrop is attributed to growing optimism among executives.

"All of this is underpinned by growing confidence in a global economy on sounder footing — improving economic conditions in mature economies and more stabilization in the major emerging markets," said Pip McCrostie, Ernst & Young's global head of M&A.

Over the past few months, the sense of caution over the global economy has abated, particularly in Europe, where many countries have emerged, or are about to emerge, from recession. Fears of a Chinese slowdown have eased, while the U.S. is still expected to post solid growth rates despite the recent budget stalemate that brought the world's largest economy to the brink of default.

The survey found that 65 percent of executives expect the global economy to improve over the coming year, up from just 22 percent a year ago.

One encouraging aspect of the survey is that companies are expected to use more debt and equity to finance deals as opposed to relying on cash. That suggests executives are more willing to take on risk.

Since the financial crisis that started in 2007-8 and the ensuing recession. □

Burger King 3Q net income surges, costs fall

MIAMI (AP) — Burger King's third-quarter net income surged as it sharply reduced its restaurant expenses mostly due to the refranchising of company-owned restaurants and continued to grow overseas. The Miami company's performance topped analysts' estimates. It also

Capital, a private investment firm run by Brazilian billionaires. The company has been selling more restaurants to franchisees in a bid to reduce overhead costs. Instead of booking sales from those restaurants, Burger King collects franchise fees.

For the three months end-

cents per share. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of 21 cents per share. Restaurant expenses dropped to \$22.9 million from \$216.3 million. Burger King also managed to lower significantly its selling, general and administrative expenses and other operating expenses.

of \$264.5 million.

Stripping out the impact of the refranchising and foreign currency fluctuations, revenue rose 8.1 percent. Sales at restaurants open at least a year, including both company-owned and franchised locations, rose 0.9 percent. This figure is a key indicator of a restaurant operator's health because it excludes results from locations recently opened or closed.

The strongest performance was in the Asia Pacific region, which posted a 3.7 percent rise in the metric. Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe, the Middle East and Africa also reported improved sales.

There was some softness in the U.S. and Canada though, with sales at restaurants open at least a year dipping 0.3 percent. This was due to tightened consumer spending and ongoing competition.

Burger King boosted its quarterly dividend to 7 cents per share from 6 cents per share. The dividend will be paid on Nov. 26 to shareholders of record on Nov. 12.

The company, founded in 1954, has more than 13,000 restaurants in 91 countries and territories worldwide. □



Burger King crowns are on display in a Mountain View, Calif. store. Burger King said Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, that it saw sales trends in North America turn positive after last month's launch of "Satisfries," which have 20 percent fewer calories than its regular fries because of a batter that absorbs less oil.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

raised its quarterly dividend. Shares rose in pre-market trading.

Burger King Worldwide Inc. has been revamping its business since it was purchased in 2010 by 3G

ed Sept. 30, the hamburger chain earned \$68.2 million, or 19 cents per share. A year earlier it earned \$6.6 million, or 2 cents per share. Excluding certain items, earnings were 23

Revenue declined 40 percent to \$275.1 million from \$455.7 million mostly due to the refranchising of 519 company-owned restaurants. But it still managed to beat Wall Street's forecast

Merck 3Q net income falls on charges, lower sales

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AP Business Writer

Merck & Co. said Monday that its third-quarter profit plunged 35 percent because of competition from generic drugs, lower sales of its top-selling medicine, and restructuring and acquisition charges. It still beat Wall Street's profit expectations, but sharply lowered its own forecast for the full year, sending shares down.

Generic competition continued to hammer asthma and allergy drug Singulair, cutting sales 53 percent in the quarter to \$280 million. The drug had been bringing in \$5.5 billion a year until its patent expired in August 2012 and cheap copycat versions flooded



Merck scientist Meizhen Feng conducts research in West Point, Pa. Merck & Co. said Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, that its third-quarter profit plunged 35 percent because of competition from generic drugs, lower sales of its top-selling medicine, and restructuring and acquisition charges.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

the market. The world's third-biggest drugmaker by revenue

has previously done a better job weathering generic competition to its block-

busters, usually managing to keep total sales at the same level as before big patent expirations. This time, its other drugs aren't picking up all the slack. Merck said it now expects total 2013 sales to be down 5 percent to 6 percent from last year.

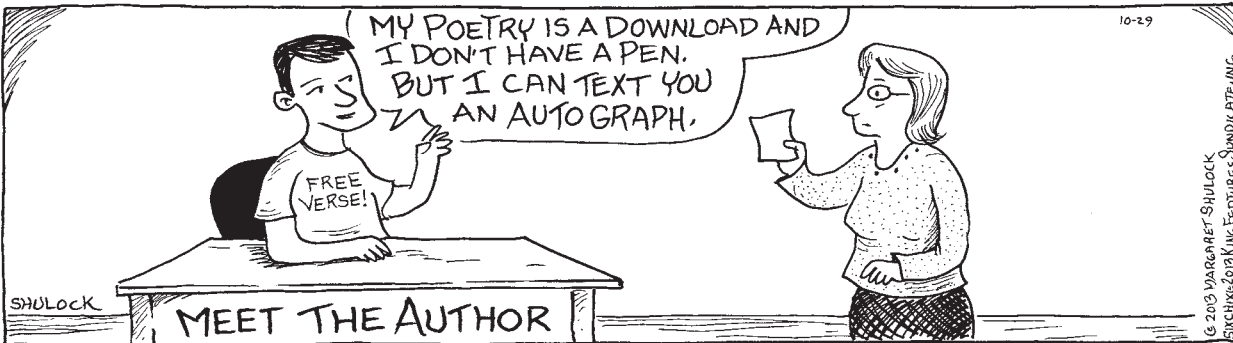
Its top seller, Type 2 diabetes pill Januvia, had been climbing steadily toward the \$4 billion-a-year mark, but sales slipped 5 percent in the last quarter. Merck blamed unfavorable currency exchange rates and wholesalers reducing their inventory.

Merck said net income was \$1.12 billion, or 38 cents per share, down from \$1.73 billion, or 56 cents per share, a year earlier. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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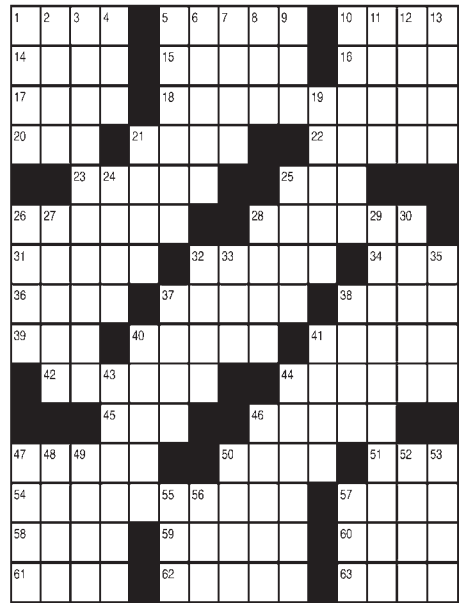
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- City in England
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- Soldiers, for short
- Inborn; natural
- Of the mind
- Door fastener
- Sheep's cry
- Building site
- Actor Cameron
- Fencing sword
- "A... Is Born"; Streisand film
- Heavyweight Muhammad
- Eggbeater
- Snapshot
- Eton or Yale
- Plane trip
- "... you kidding me?"
- Glider or jet
- Car thief
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- Sweetened cherry
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- Goblet
- Irritates

DOWN

- Peruse
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- Loan shark's crime
- Bumpkin
- Four qts.
- Inventor
- Whitney
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- Seep out
- Did drugs
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Docs to parents: Limit kids' texts, tweets, online

CHICAGO (AP) — Parents should limit kids' tweeting and texting and keep smartphones and laptops out of bedrooms, a pediatricians group says. The recommendations are bound to prompt eye-rolling and laughs from many teens but the influential pediatricians group American Academy of Pediatrics says parents need to know that unrestricted media use can have serious consequences.

It's been linked with violence, cyberbullying, school woes, obesity, lack of sleep and a host of other problems. It's not a major cause of these troubles, but "many parents are clueless" about the profound impact media exposure can have on their children, said Dr. Victor Strasburger, lead author of the new policy.

"This is the 21st century and they need to get with it," said Strasburger, a University of New Mexico adolescent medicine specialist. The policy is aimed at all kids, including those who use smartphones, computers and other Internet-connected devices. It expands the academy's longstanding recommendations on banning televisions from children's and teens' bedrooms and limiting entertainment screen time to no more than two hours daily. Under the new policy, those two hours include using the Internet for entertainment, including Facebook, Twitter, TV and movies; online homework is an exception.

The policy statement cites a 2010 report that found U.S. children aged 8 to 18 spend an average of more than seven hours daily using some kind of entertainment media. Many kids now watch TV online and many send text messages from their bedrooms after "lights out," including sexually explicit images by cell-phone or Internet, yet few parents set rules about media use, the policy says.

"I guarantee you that if you have a 14-year-old boy and he has an Internet connection in his bedroom, he is looking at pornogra-

phy," Strasburger said. The policy notes that three-quarters of kids aged 12 to 17 own cellphones; nearly all teens send text messages, and many younger kids have phones giving them online access.

"Young people now spend

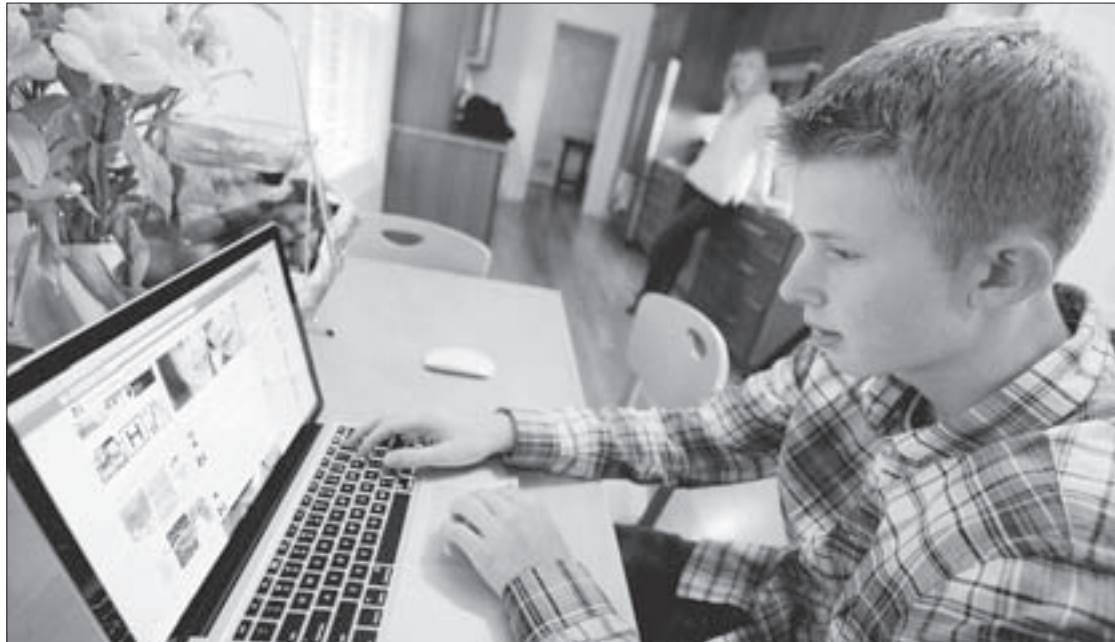
"they'll just find a way to get around it."

Strasburger said he realizes many kids will scoff at advice from pediatricians — or any adults.

"After all, they're the experts! We're media-Netherthals to them," he

suspects' parents hadn't restricted their Internet use. Mark's mom, Amy Risinger, said she agrees with restricting kids' time on social media but that deciding on other media limits should be up to parents.

"I think some children have



Mark Risinger, 16, checks his Facebook page on his computer as his mother, Amy Risinger, looks on at their home in Glenview, Ill. The recommendations are bound to prompt eye-rolling and LOLs from many teens but an influential pediatrician's group says unrestricted media use has been linked with violence, cyber-bullying, school woes, obesity, lack of sleep and a host of other problems. Mark's mom said she agrees with restricting kids' time on social media but that deciding on other media limits should be up to parents. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

more time with media than they do in school — it is the leading activity for children and teenagers other than sleeping" the policy says. Mark Risinger, 16, is allowed to use his smartphone and laptop in his room, and says he spends about four hours daily on the Internet doing homework, using Facebook and YouTube and watching movies.

He said a two-hour Internet time limit "would be catastrophic" and that kids won't follow the advice,

said. But he said he hopes it will lead to more limits from parents and schools, and more government research on the effects of media.

The policy was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics. It comes two weeks after police arrested two Florida girls accused of bullying a classmate who committed suicide. Police say one of the girls recently boasted online about the bullying and the local sheriff questioned why the

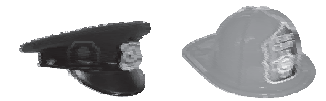
a greater maturity level and you don't need to be quite as strict with them," said Risinger, who runs a communications consulting firm. Her 12-year-old has sneaked a laptop into bed a few times and ended up groggy in the morning, "so that's why the rules are now in place, that that device needs to be in mom and dad's room before he goes to bed." □

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Mixed bag when U.S. exam scores compared globally

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AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — So how do U.S. eighth-graders do in math and science when compared to their peers around the globe? Turns out it matters which state they live in, according to a study being released Thursday.

Massachusetts was the top performing state, but it still lagged behind some Asian countries in terms of its students' overall score on exams and the number of high achievers.

Mississippi, Alabama and the District of Columbia students scored below the international average on both exams, meaning their scores were on par with Kazakhstan and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

West Virginia, Oklahoma and Tennessee students scored below the international average in math.

Jack Buckley, commissioner of the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics,



President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, right, visit with students at Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) in Brooklyn borough of New York, Friday, Oct. 25, 2013.
Associated Press

which released the study, called the results a "good-news, bad-news scenario" that probably will bolster both those who say the U.S. is doing fine in global competitiveness as well as those on the other side.

Overall, a majority of

states performed above the international average in both subjects.

"Our states really are scattered across the performance levels," Buckley said in a conference call with reporters.

Education Secretary Arne

Duncan said in a statement that the study provides "powerful confirmation that demography need not be destiny when it comes to school performance — state policies matter too."

The study compared every state, the District of Columbia and Defense Department schools against 38 countries and nine additional subnational education systems. Some countries, including China, India, France and Germany, did not participate.

Researchers took eighth-grade test results in math and science from the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to predict performance on the international comparative study test known as the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). Nine states participated directly in TIMSS.

NAEP includes the scores of students tested with accommodations; TIMSS does not. Buckley said statistical modeling was used to account for that difference.

South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan were the top scorers in math followed by Massachusetts, Vermont, Minnesota, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

In science, Massachusetts was behind the top scorer, Singapore. Taiwan was

next, followed by Vermont. The top 10 also included South Korea and Japan — and New Hampshire, North Dakota, Maine and Minnesota.

Mark Schneider, vice president at the American Institutes for Research and a former commissioner for the National Center for Education Statistics, said one of the most disturbing results from the study is the low numbers of "advanced" achievers in the United States compared with other countries.

Even in high-scoring Massachusetts, where 19 percent of students reached the "advanced benchmark" in math and 24 reached it in science, there were fewer higher achievers than in some other countries. About half the students in Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore reached the high benchmark in math and 40 percent of students in Singapore did so.

On the other end, for example, Alabama had a lower percent of "advanced" achievers in math than Romania and Turkey — two countries it overall scored higher than. "In a world in which we need the best, it's pretty clear many states are empty on the best," Schneider said.

Tom Loveless, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said one thing that's hidden in the results of this study is that even in high-achieving states, there are low performers who need to be brought up from the bottom.

"If we as Americans want to get all of our kids achieving at the highest level, in terms of worldwide academic achievement, we have a lot of work and it's not just the low scoring states where it's obvious," Loveless said.

The scores were ranked on a scale of 1,000.

In math, the average state scores ranged from 561 for Massachusetts to 466 for Alabama.

In science, the average state scores ranged from 567 for Massachusetts to 453 for the District of Columbia. □

Meteorologists spy clue to heat waves weeks away

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meteorologists may have found a way to predict some killer heat waves up to three weeks in advance. Now, the best they can do is about 10 days.

An earlier warning would help cities prepare for the heat wave, arrange to open up cooling centers and check on the elderly, said Gerald Meehl, co-author of a study that describes the forecasting clue.

"It gives you a little bit of a heads up of what's coming," he said.

The key may be a certain pattern of high and low pressure spots across the globe high in the sky. When that pattern shows up, the chances double for a prolonged and intense heat wave in the eastern two-thirds of the United States, according to the study published Sunday in the journal *Nature Geosci-*

ence.

This could predict some types of heat waves but not all, meteorologists said. The study's authors said they think the pattern occurred before last year's heat wave in much of the central United States, but they still need more work to confirm it.

The researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, looked at heat waves that lasted at least a week and were about 5 to 8 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than normal. In any given summer week, the odds of a heat wave like this happening are usually only about 1 in 67 in the U.S.

They did thousands of computer simulations and discovered that when high pressure and low pressure systems line up in a specific pattern, it foreshadows heat to come in about 15 to 20 days. Scientists call this 4-mile (6.4-kilometer)-

high pattern wave No. 5.

The weather on the ground at the time of the pattern really doesn't matter; it can be rainy, dry, hot or cold, said study lead author Haiyan Teng, a scientist at the research center. The same pattern that signals a U.S. heat wave also indicates different extreme weather in other parts of the globe, like heavy rains, she said.

This wave pattern was seen before the 1980 heat wave that was blamed for 1,250 deaths and pushed temperatures over 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) in Dallas every day, said Randall Dole, a senior scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Triple-digit temperatures in Dallas persisted for a record 42 consecutive days that year.

Dole, who wasn't part of the study, said the science behind the study is sound, significant and may be practical after extensive testing. □

Book revisits tragic life of actor River Phoenix

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press

Everything in life seemed to come to actor River Phoenix before he was ready for it. Death, too.

As the eldest child of free-spirited parents who moved to South America to evangelize, he was just 6 when he sang on street corners in Venezuela for money to support a growing family. Involvement in the Children of God movement may have led him to become sexually active, if not abused, before he was 10.

Phoenix was singing for spare change in Los Angeles with three of his four younger siblings when a Hollywood agent spotted him. He became a teenage star — and continued as the family's breadwinner — with "Stand by Me" and "The Mosquito Coast" (both 1986) though he had never been to school, had only a rudimentary educa-

tion and had no training as an actor.

He was smoking marijuana and trying cocaine before he could have a driver's license — heroin would come later. An Oscar nominee at 18 with "Running on Empty" (1988) and an adult star with "My Own Private Idaho" (1991), Phoenix was dead at 23. He suffered drug-induced convulsions outside the Viper Room, Johnny Depp's Sunset Boulevard club in Los Angeles.

"Last Night at the Viper Room," by rock journalist Gavin Edwards, presents Phoenix's vibrant if short life in the context of the culture that overwhelmed him. He comes across as wholly unprepared for adolescence and young adulthood in the U.S., not just Hollywood. He swung between extremes: leader of a small rock band one day and actor in a major movie the next, an advo-

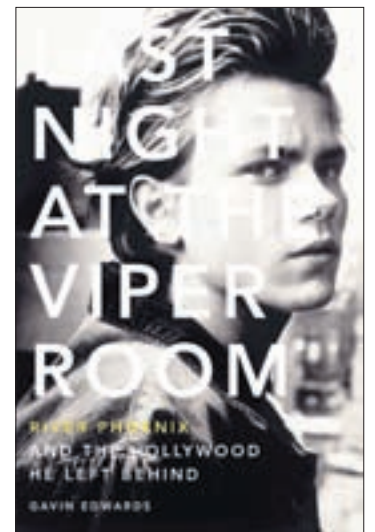
cate for natural foods and clean living who was often drunk and high.

His innocence was his charm as well as his flaw. People took advantage of him — particularly those who thrust so much responsibility on his young shoulders and those who brought him to drugs at an early age. Would the militant vegan be alive today had he become an organic farmer instead of the young Indiana Jones? As Edwards notes, Phoenix was at the head of a new generation of actors. So many of his contemporaries — Ethan Hawke, Leonardo DiCaprio, Kiefer Sutherland, Brad Pitt, Christian Slater and Depp among them — faced their own personal and professional challenges but made it to their 30s. Many became stars through roles that might have gone to Phoenix had he had his grip on life been more sure.

This was no tortured soul, just a lost one. "The guy was having a good time, but he made a big mistake and now he's not here," Depp, who was onstage at the Viper Room when Phoenix died, remarked not long afterward. Recalling that Phoenix had come with his guitar, Depp added, "That's not an unhappy kid."

Edwards' sensitive biography builds just the right tone for looking back at Phoenix's life 20 years after his death: respect for his talents, admiration for his individuality and a subtle indignation for the tragedy to come.

Why hasn't River Phoenix become an icon like actor James Dean, another generation's gone-too-soon totem? Edwards notes that five months after Phoenix's death came the suicide of Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain. "Apparently," Edwards writes, "the nineties



This photo provided by It Books shows the cover of the biography, "Last Night at the Viper Room: River Phoenix and the Hollywood He Left Behind" (It Books), by Gavin Edwards. The book revisits the tragic life of actor River Phoenix.

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had room for only one angel-faced blond boy, too pained by the world to live in it."

More likely, and Edwards suggests this, Phoenix's filmography is too thin. □

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File-In this Dec. 29, 2012 file photo provided by Kansas University, actress Olivia Wilde, left, and actor Jason Sudeikis watch Kansas play American in an NCAA college basketball game in Lawrence, Kan.
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Wilde and Sudeikis expecting 1st child

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis are expecting their first child.

Wilde's publicist, Joy Fehily, confirmed the news Sunday. This will be the first child for both actors.

The baby news was first reported by People.com.

The couple became engaged in January. This will be the second marriage for both actors. Wilde's divorce from documentarian

Tao Ruspoli was finalized in 2011. Sudeikis and "Pitch Perfect" screenwriter Kay Cannon divorced in 2010.

Wilde, 29, is known for her roles on TV's "House M.D." and in films like "Tron: Legacy" and "Cowboys & Aliens." She recently appeared in Ron Howard's "Rush." Sudeikis, 38, rose to fame while starring on "Saturday Night Live." His latest film was "We're the Millers" with Jennifer Aniston. □

Garth Brooks plans live broadcast of one-man show

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Garth Brooks is taking his intimate one-man Las Vegas show to live television. A news release issued Monday says CBS will broadcast Brooks' performance at the Wynn Las Vegas live on Nov. 29.

Brooks came out of retirement in 2009 for a series of occasional gigs at Steve Wynn's invitation. Brooks formally ended that run after three years, but has played occasionally since. The broadcast will be his final performance of the show, which has mostly been Brooks with just his guitar exploring his musical influences with fans.

Brooks has mostly been out of music since 2001, when he became a stay-at-home dad. But fans re-



This April 7, 2013 file photo shows Garth Brooks performing at the 48th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nev. Brooks will perform a rare live broadcast concert special from the Encore Theater at the Wynn Las Vegas on Friday, Nov. 29.
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main fervent, helping to set a record viewership for the Academy of Country Music Awards earlier this year when Brooks performed with George Strait. □

A good time for Panettiere as 'Nashville' bad girl



This photo provided by ABC shows Hayden Panettiere in the episode "Never No More" from the television series, "Nashville." Panettiere stars in ABC's tuneful melodrama, now in its second season, airing Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT.
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FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hayden Panettiere is getting her sushi fix. On a recent whirlwind visit to Manhattan, she takes full advantage of the city's Japanese cuisine, which, she reports, isn't quite so available in Nashville, where she's spending a lot of her time these days. But that's her only complaint, if that's what it is, about life in Music City and her starring role in ABC's tuneful melodrama "Nashville" (now in its second season, airing Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT), all of which she loves. She plays scheming breakout country sensation Juliette Barnes, who's locked in a love-hate rivalry with country music queen Rayna Jaymes (co-star Connie Britton), whose long reign is threatened by Juliette's rise. Panettiere nails her role, displaying a deft blend of rapaciousness

and vulnerability, not to mention impressive pipes. In the process, she has pulled off two overarching victories. She's left behind her past signature role, the indestructible Cheerleader in the sci-fi drama "Heroes" — a character that could have tied her down forever. Even more remarkably: At 24, she's crossed that treacherous Rubicon that few young actors navigate, from adolescence to the far shore of adulthood. "'Nashville' was perfect timing with the perfect character," she says after ordering this and that raw fish. "Juliette is so not the good girl that I played on 'Heroes,' but she has to put on the facade as a good girl to get what she wants. Juliette is tough, but when she cries, she means it: She's a very damaged young woman running from a dark past. How much more perfect could I ask for?" Sharing lunch with

a reporter at a tony Manhattan restaurant, the petite Panettiere is squeezed into jeans and a sweater of proper weight for the ensuing fall weather. Her chopsticks are soon busy while, spared Juliette's Southern twang (Panettiere hails from Englewood, N.J.), she delves deeper into Juliette's psyche, and her own.

Sure, Juliette is the show's resident villain, "but you get to see her inner workings, what she goes through," Panettiere notes. "It's great to show the audience Juliette's terrible behavior, and then show where that behavior came from: not from a place of malice, but of pain."

"A lot of what I've drawn from is my own personal experience," she says. "I grew up in the entertainment industry, in the spotlight, and have had to deal with some of the same struggles. In this business, there are so many doors wide open to walk through and it looks like the normal thing to do. The difference is, I've always had people around me to yank me back before I went too far." Panettiere's mother was an actress, her father a New York City firefighter, and she made her screen debut as an infant in a Playskool toys commercial. Since then she's never stopped acting, nor did she imagine doing anything else. But after "Heroes" ended in 2010, she faced a dry spell before "Nashville" came along.

"It hit me," she recalls, "like a ton of bricks: There is a genuine possibility that no one will ever take another chance on me. That was an important gap between 'Heroes' and this show, a huge transition to make gracefully. I don't know how gracefully I did it, but somehow I did."

Callie Khouri, "Nashville" creator and executive producer, said she was unconcerned while casting her new series that Panettiere might still be the Cheerleader in viewers' minds. □

A Little Miami Heat



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I was about to hang up the phone when Donna Shalala, the former Clinton Cabinet secretary who is now the president of the University of Miami, interrupted me. She had something she wanted to say before our interview ended.

"They're not some foreign entity," she said, "and we shouldn't act like they are. University presidents have to demand that they change the way they do business." Can you guess whom she was referring to? Yes: our old friends at the NCAA.

It was Thursday when we spoke, two days after the NCAA's Committee on Infractions unveiled the penalties it was imposing on Miami after a long, tortured - and botched - investigation by the NCAA's much-feared enforcement staff.

Several years ago, Nevin Shapiro - an ardent University of Miami booster, who is in prison for running a Ponzi scheme - told Yahoo Sports that for years he had entertained players at his home, bought them meals and gifts, picked up the tab at strip clubs and given them small amounts of cash. His stature was such that he had nearly as much access to the football and men's basketball teams as the coaches. He got to stand on the sidelines during games.

Twice he led the team onto the field for a game.

Shapiro now says his involvement with the football and men's basketball teams was so corrupt that it ranked with the Southern Methodist University scandal of nearly three decades ago, when boosters were openly paying players. SMU got "the death penalty," meaning it was not allowed to field a football team for two years, and Shapiro claimed that the University of Miami should be treated as harshly. Indeed, Britton Banowsky, commissioner of Conference USA - and the current chairman of the Committee on Infractions - said in a conference call Thursday that the Miami case had been "extraordinary in its size and scope." It involved more than 30 athletes. So how is it then that the penalties that were revealed Tuesday - a loss of nine scholarships over a three-year period - were little more than a slap on the wrist? One theory - the one proposed by the NCAA - was that the university had already punished

itself by withdrawing its football team from postseason play for two straight years. (On the other hand, those teams weren't very good.)

A second possible reason is that the NCAA was gun shy after its mistakes in the Miami investigation. Unable to interview certain witnesses, NCAA investigators paid Shapiro's lawyer to feed questions they wanted answered during a deposition about a bankruptcy proceeding. Several NCAA investigators were fired, as was the chief of enforcement. Shalala, meanwhile, did something most college presidents are terrified of doing: She openly criticized the NCAA, accusing it of leaking false information and labeling some of its investigative tactics as "ludicrous."

And then there's the third possible reason, which is the one that most people in college sports believe.

The NCAA does whatever it wants, regardless of whether the results are fair or appropriate. I'm of the opinion that there is something loony about punishing a school because its athletes got free meals (though, admittedly, they probably shouldn't be hanging out with the likes of Nevin Shapiro). But that's me. In the world we live in, these are called "impermissible benefits," and punishment must be meted out.

In which case, there should at least be some rhyme or reason to the penalties - some consistency. But there isn't. In 2010, for instance, the NCAA absolutely hammered the University of Southern California, taking away 30 football scholarships, and imposing a two-year postseason ban.

That case involved exactly one athlete - star running back Reggie Bush - and it is far from clear that anybody at the school knew what was going on. The chairman of the Committee on Infractions back then was the late Paul Dee, who, for 15 years, was the athletic director at - gosh! - the University of Miami.

When Banowsky was asked during the conference call why the Miami penalty was so comparatively mild, he gave the classic NCAA answer: "Each case is different," he said.

"We don't put cases against each other based on the unique nature of each case." But they're really not that unique. They all revolve around various kinds of recruiting violations and "impermissible benefits." It wouldn't be hard at all to come up with a system that institutionalized certain penalties for certain violations, and put some real fairness into a system that, today, is anything but fair.

Before she hung up, Shalala told me that she is part of a group of "major university presidents" who have taken up the task of reforming the NCAA. Although she declined to give specifics, she said that "it is very clear to me what changes need to be made."

I look forward to seeing what she and her fellow presidents come up with. □



Billionaires' Row And Welfare Lines



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The stock market is hitting record highs.

Bank profits have reached their highest levels in years.

The market for luxury goods is rebounding.

Bloomberg News reported in August, "Sales of homes priced at more than \$1 million jumped an average 37 percent in 2013's first half from a year earlier to the highest level since 2007, according to DataQuick."

A report last week in The New York Times says that developers are turning 57th Street in New York into "Billionaires' Row," with apartments selling for north of \$90 million each.

And there's no shortage of billionaires. Forbes' list of the world's billionaires has added more than 200 names since 2012 and is now at 1,426. The United States once again leads the list, with 442 billionaires.

It's a great time to be a rich person in America. The rich are raking it in during this recovery.

But in the shadow of their towering wealth exists a much less rosy recovery, where people are hurting and the pain grows.

This is the slowest post-recession jobs recovery since World War II. The unemployment rate is falling, but for the wrong reason: An increasing number of people may

simply be giving up on finding a job. The labor force participation rate - the percentage of people over 16 who either have a job or are actively searching for one - fell in August to its lowest rate in 35 years.

This disconnecting is particularly acute among young people. Measure of America, a project of the Social Science Research Council, recently released a study finding that a staggering 5.8 million young people nationwide - one in seven of those ages 16 to 24 - are disconnected, meaning not employed or in school, "adrift at society's margins," as the group put it.

Median household income continues to fall, according to recent data from the Census Bureau. The data showed, "In 2012, real median household income was 8.3 percent lower than in 2007, the year before the most recent recession."

And according to an April Pew Research Center report, "During the first two years of the nation's economic recovery, the mean net worth of households in the upper 7 percent of the wealth distribution rose by an estimated 28 percent, while the mean net worth of households in the lower 93 percent dropped by 4 percent."

The dire statistics take on even more urgency when we consider what they mean for America's most vulnerable: our children.

According to First Focus, a bipartisan advocacy organization focusing on child and family issues: "The 1,168,354 homeless students enrolled by U.S. preschools and K-12 schools in the 2011-2012 school year is the highest number on record, and a 10 percent increase over the previous school year."

The number of homeless children in public schools has increased 72 percent since the beginning of the recession."

A report last month by the Carsey Institute at the University of New

Hampshire bemoaned the stagnation of the child poverty rate in this country, saying, "These new poverty estimates released on Sept. 19, 2013, suggest that child poverty plateaued in the aftermath of the Great Recession, but there is no evidence of any reduction in child poverty even as we enter the fourth year of 'recovery.'"

Nearly one in four American children live in poverty.

A report last year from the National Poverty Center estimated "that the number of households living on \$2 or less in income per person per day in a given month increased from about 636,000 in 1996 to about 1.46 million households in early 2011, a percentage growth of 130 percent."

And yet the value of aid for those families is shrinking and under threat.

A report this week by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found, "Cash assistance benefits for the nation's poorest families with children fell again in purchasing power in 2013 and are now at least 20 percent below their 1996 levels in 37 states, after adjusting for inflation."

The number of Americans now enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is near record highs, and yet both houses of Congress have passed bills to cut funding to the program. The Senate measure would cut about \$4 billion, while the House measure would cut roughly 10 times as much, dropping millions of Americans from the program. Next week, lawmakers will start trying to find a middle ground between the two versions of the farm bills that include these cuts. There is an inherent tension - and obscenity - in the wildly divergent fortunes of the rich and the poor in this country, especially among our children.

The growing imbalance of both wealth and opportunity cannot be sustained. Something has to give. □

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